

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: CSHB 423(HSS)
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Identifier (file name): HB423-LAW-CIV-04-05-10 Dept. Affected: Law
 Title An Act relating to a policy for securing health care services RDU Civil
 Sponsor Judiciary Component Opinions, Appeals and Ethics
 Requester Health and Social Services Component Number 2716

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached page...

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

House Bill 423, entitled the "Alaska Health Freedom Act," provides that the state's policy, "consistent with the right of liberty, [is] that a person has the right and is free to choose or decline any mode of securing health care services." The bill is apparently designed to counter the individual health insurance requirements of recently enacted federal legislation. The bill includes definitions of "mode of securing" and "health care services."

The bill also provides that this policy "may not impair a contract right that provides health care services." It further provides that "[a] public official, employee, or agent of the state or its political subdivisions may not impose, collect, enforce, or implement a penalty contrary to th[at] policy," defining a "penalty" to include "a fine, tax, salary or wage withholding, surcharge, fee, or other consequence." And the bill directs the attorney general to "expeditiously seek injunctive and other appropriate relief to preserve the rights of the residents of the state and defend the state and its officials, employees, and agents if a law is enacted or a regulation adopted violating the declaration of the policy for securing health care services."

Thus the fiscal impact to Department of Law is indeterminate.