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 Component: Corp., Bus., & Prof. Licensing
 Sponsor: Senator Davis
 Requester: Senate HSS Component Number: 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	28.3	0.0	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.3
Travel	5.6	0.0	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Contractual	2.0	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Supplies	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	36.4	0.0	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1156)	36.4	0.0	0.0	72.8	0.0	72.8	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other: RSS (1156)	36.4	0.0	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4
TOTAL	36.4	0.0	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4	36.4

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: 5.9

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation amends AS 08.45 to establish the Alaska Naturopathic Medical Board and expands the scope of practice of naturopaths to allow prescriptive authority through a prescription endorsement, authority to perform minor surgery, and to require proof of continuing education prior to license renewal.

The program is required to cover its costs with licensing fees under AS 08.01.065, and revenue generated by program fees must cover its full operating costs.

A detailed analysis of costs follows.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Total PERSONAL SERVICES: \$28.3

- One (1) Part-time Occupational Licensing Examiner position, Range 13, to staff the Board. A position is needed to support Board activities by keeping the official records and providing administrative support to the Board and the licensing program. The current licensing program is supported by a position that is assigned ten of the non-board licensing programs. Adding requirements to that position in support a Board is not realistic.

Total TRAVEL: \$5.6

- The legislation establishes the Alaska Naturopathic Medical Board consisting of 5 members. In accordance with Section 3 of the bill, AS 08.45.003(b) requires the Board to meet at least twice a year. The estimated travel costs for 5 members and 1 staff will cover two meetings, assuming one held in Anchorage and one held in Juneau.

Total CONTRACTUAL: \$2.0

- Contractual costs include public notices of meetings, regulations, legal review of regulations, communications, and printing expenses.

Total SUPPLIES: \$0.5

- Supplies consists of standard operating desk top supplies (paper, etc.).

REVENUE: Revenue will be generated from license and endorsement fees. A majority of the fees will be collected biennially resulting from the biennial licensing period. The bill is set to take effect immediately upon passage. Current naturopath licenses are due to expire on March 31, 2010.

Current direct program costs average \$5.9 annually; \$11.8 biennially (representing the two-year licensing cycle). SB 70 is expected to increase costs by \$36.4 annually, for a total direct program cost of \$42.3 annually (\$5.9 + \$36.4); \$84.6 over the biennial licensing cycle. Since fees are adjusted prior to the biennial license renewal period, fees will need to cover the biennial licensing costs every other year during renewal. Licensees are also expected to pay a share of division indirect costs per capita based on the number of current licensees, approximately \$155.00 biennially.

At the end of FY08, there were 35 current licensees. The current 35 licensees can expect to pay license fees totaling \$2,572 for the biennium ($\$84.6 \div 35 = \$2,417 + \155 program share of indirect), in comparison to the present biennial fee of \$470.

License fees will be adjusted to cover actual expenses at the first renewal period following enactment of this bill.