

# FISCAL NOTE

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 Component Commissioner's Office  
 Sponsor Olson  
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**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
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>							
Personal Services	192.7		192.7	192.7	192.7	192.7	192.7
Travel	40.0		40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Contractual	236.8		257.3	257.3	257.3	257.3	257.3
Supplies	30.5		10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>							
<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>							

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	165.0		165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0	165.0
1003 GF Match	335.0		335.0	335.0	335.0	335.0	335.0
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>	<b>500.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB 172 establishes the Alaska Health Care Commission in DHSS to provide recommendations for and foster the development of a statewide plan to address the quality, accessibility, and availability of health care for all citizens of the state. The commission would be composed of 13 members. SB 172 closely parallels Administrative Order #246, the Governor's December 2008 order establishing a health care commission to address Alaska's health care challenges.

The current Alaska Health Care Commission's 2009 report included a formal policy recommendation to establish a permanent health care commission in statute to address the need for health care reform in Alaska.

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**ANALYSIS CONTINUATION**

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The two most recent groups to work on the issue of health care reform in Alaska, the Alaska Health Care Roundtable (2005) and the Alaska Health Care Strategies Planning Council (2007), both recommended that a permanent body be established to address the problem of health care reform. The problem is too great in scope and too complex to be able to plan and follow-through in just one or two years time through an ad-hoc body. Most recently, the new federal health care reform laws enacted this past month significantly change the structure within which state health systems operate, and a state planning body is required to help evaluate the impact on Alaskans and Alaska's businesses and health care industry, and to provide advice on implementation.

\$500.0 (\$165.0 Fed/\$335.0 GF Match) is required for operations of the health care commission, as follows:

**71000 Personal Services:** The bill states that an Executive Director would staff the commission, \$134.5 (range 23, step F); in addition an Administrative Assistant I is required to provide administrative support, \$58.2 (range 12).

**72000 Travel:** Travel and per diem for commission staff and for 10 voting commission members to conduct quarterly face-to-face public meetings at various locations around the state.

**73000 Contractual:** Professional services contracts will be needed to supplement staff research; meeting expenses such as transcriptionist, audio, and meeting space will be incurred; and core service RSAs will be required to provide lease space, telecommunications, mainframe connectivity, printing, postage, etc.

**74000 Supplies:** FY11 includes start-up costs such as computers, office furniture, reconfiguring leased space, wiring needs for connectivity, printers, fax, and photocopier. On-going costs are for basic office supplies and small equipment purchases. Start up supply costs of \$20.5 in the first budget year will be shifted to the contractual services line after the first year to cover ongoing contractual needs.