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 Title State Immunization Program Appropriation Public Health
 Allocation Epidemiology
 Sponsor Senator Giessel
 Requester Senate HSS Committee OMB Component Number 296

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities	2,900.0	700.0	2,900.0	2,900.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	2,900.0	700.0	2,900.0	2,900.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
1002	Federal Receipts		70.0					
1003	GF Match							
1004	GF	2,900.0	630.0	2,900.0	2,900.0			
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)							
1037	GF/MH (UGF)							
1178	temp code (UGF)							
TOTAL		2,900.0	700.0	2,900.0	2,900.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required,
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required,
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Not applicable. Initial version.

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Analysis

This bill requires the Department of Health & Social Services to establish an immunization program that would purchase and distribute recommended vaccines to children and adults who do not have coverage elsewhere. The intent is to restore funding to the 2009 level before federal cuts were implemented. Limited vaccine funding for this population is available through Section 317 of the U.S. Public Health Service Act ("317") and administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Funding has been cut 84% from \$4.3 million in 2010 to \$700 thousand in 2013. As a result, by January 2012, the Immunization Program has stopped supplying all adult vaccines and select childhood vaccines: influenza, pneumococcal, rotavirus, human papillomavirus (HPV), and meningococcal.

This bill has an immediate effective date. It is assumed that the program is implemented on July 1, 2012. Currently the department has regulations in place to implement this program immediately. This bill has a sunset date of June 30, 2015.

The bill targets underinsured children under the age of 19 years and underinsured or uninsured adults age 19 years and older that reside in Alaska. Children would receive recommended vaccines with the exception of the HPV and meningococcal vaccines. Those vaccines are not required for school entry and have a lower cost/benefit. Adults would receive influenza, pneumococcal, and tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap) vaccines. The Commissioner may add or subtract vaccines based on nationally recognized recommendations and available funding. This bill would provide vaccine to enrolled providers for an estimated 47,000 underinsured children under the age of 19 years and about 110,000 doses of vaccines to underinsured and uninsured adults.

The fiscal note is based on the projected cost of selected vaccines for the total eligible population using the CDC's forecasting model. The pediatric vaccines include all vaccines needed for school entry, plus pneumococcal and influenza vaccines. In comparison to the pediatric vaccines provided before 2009, this fiscal note does not include rotavirus, HPV, or meningococcal vaccines. With these assumptions, immunizing the total eligible population would cost \$5,375.0. This total, adjusted for an 80% immunization rate (the recommended level to maintain immunity at the community level), would equal \$4,300.0. This amount would allocate \$2,950.0 for pediatric vaccines and \$1,350.0 for adults.

Since \$700.0 of the Federal "317" funds are already included in the Division of Public Health's base budget for immunizations, the total fiscal note of this bill is \$3,600.0. This includes \$700.0 (\$630.0 GF, \$70.0 FF) as part of the FY2013 Governor's Budget request and an additional \$2,900.0 in General Fund. If this bill were to pass it would include the portion of vaccines in the budget proposal that are intended for underinsured children and uninsured and underinsured adults. The budget proposal overlaps with this bill although it differs somewhat in both the vaccines and age groups covered. The budget increment includes coverage for children aged 19-35 months regardless of insurance status. In the Governor's budget request adults aged 65 years and up who do not have other resources would receive influenza and pneumococcal vaccine. The small amount of federal funds in the budget proposal assumes reimbursement from Medicaid administrative claiming.

Note that this bill excludes Medicaid enrollees (they already have coverage); therefore, this bill's expenditures are not eligible for federal reimbursement.