

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
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Identifier: HB263-DHSS-SBPP-02-03-14  
Title: EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM  
Sponsor: HAWKER  
Requester: House HSS Committee

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Public Assistance  
Allocation: Senior Benefits Payment Program  
OMB Component Number: 2897

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2015 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2015 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services		535.3	535.3	535.3	535.3	535.3	535.3	535.3
Travel		9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Services		169.7	169.7	169.7	169.7	169.7	169.7	169.7
Commodities		43.5	43.5	43.5	43.5	43.5	43.5	43.5
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits		22,332.3	24,260.5	24,942.2	25,644.2	26,367.3	27,112.2	27,112.2
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>23,090.5</b>	<b>25,018.7</b>	<b>25,700.4</b>	<b>26,402.4</b>	<b>27,125.5</b>	<b>27,870.4</b>	<b>27,870.4</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund		23,090.5	25,018.7	25,700.4	26,402.4	27,125.5	27,870.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>23,090.5</b>	<b>25,018.7</b>	<b>25,700.4</b>	<b>26,402.4</b>	<b>27,125.5</b>	<b>27,870.4</b>

## Positions

Full-time		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

## ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/15

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

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### Analysis

This program supports the DHSS Priority 1: Health and Wellness across the lifespan; Core Service 1.2: Provide quality of life in a safe living environment for Alaskans by providing on-going assistance to low-income seniors so they can remain independent in their communities.

The regulation change required is the repeal and reenactment of AAC 47.545. This section currently establishes June 30, 2015 as the end date for applicability of the Senior Benefits Payment Program regulations. The repeal and reenactment of this particular section, extending applicability to June 30, 2021, would need to occur prior to June 30, 2015.

#### Analysis:

The Senior Benefits Payment Program helps low income seniors who are age 65 or older remain independent in the community by providing a monthly income supplement to help meet their basic needs, such as food and housing. Currently the program is set to expire on June 30, 2015. This legislation continues the program through June 30, 2021. As of December 2013, the current program enrollment was 10,954. The number and percent of seniors at each payment level was:

\* \$250 - 1,288 (11.8%)

\* \$175 - 4,594 (41.9%)

\* \$125 - 5,072 (46.3%)

#### Assumptions:

- Current staffing levels for the program will be maintained.
- Annual expenditures for Personal Services, Travel, Contractual, and Supplies will remain constant for FY 2015 through FY 2021.
- Annual grant expenditures are expected to increase in response to a projected caseload growth of 2.8% annually in the out years.