

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB297-DOR-AHFC-2-16-14
Title: HOME ENERGY RATING SYSTEM
Sponsor: PRUITT
Requester: H FIN

Department: Department of Revenue
Appropriation: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
Allocation: AHFC Operations
OMB Component Number: 110

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **12/31/14**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #1

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Analysis

This bill recognizes Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) as the authorizing agency to approve home energy rating systems (HERS) utilized in Alaska.

AHFC currently has its own AKWarm home energy rating system and software that has been in use, and continuously updated, since 1996. It is specifically designed for Alaska and is recognized by the Alaska building, real estate and home loan industries and is directly tied to AHFC programs, including the Home Energy Rebate and Weatherization programs, interest rate reductions for home loans and Alaska Building Energy Efficiency Standards. The software is available to all at no cost.

In the event that another home energy rating system is submitted to AHFC for approval, that software will require review and testing to ensure Alaska's varied and extreme climatic conditions are appropriately addressed and equivalent to AKWarm.

The cost of testing and review is expected to be covered by the requestor and/or U.S. Department of Energy funds. As a result, there is no fiscal impact to AHFC anticipated for this bill.

Regulations will be developed to identify the process for which new software packages will be evaluated, addressing Alaska's unique climatic and geographic diversity. Estimated time to write new regulations, have appropriate hearings, and get AHFC Board of Directors approval will take approximately six months.