

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2016 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB115CS(FIN)-DNR-MLW-01-29-16
 Title: AK SOVEREIGNTY;US TRANSFER LAND TO ALASKA
 Sponsor: CHENAULT
 Requester: House Finance Committee

Department: Department of Natural Resources
 Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
 Allocation: Mining, Land & Water
 OMB Component Number: 3002

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2017 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2017 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) 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? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

This modifies the 2015 CS version to H FIN to reflect the 2016 Legislative Session.

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Agency:	Department of Natural Resources		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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The fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be accurately determined at this time.

This analysis assumes that the bill would be successful at least in part in getting the federal government to convey public lands to the state as stated in Section 3. If successful, this bill could more than double state ownership of assets (currently about 100 million acres) and, depending on the kinds of federal lands included in the transfer, potentially increase state acreage even more than that. Receiving the Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Forest Service managed federal lands, without considering the submerged land, would increase land owned or managed by the state by approximately 166 million acres.

Once title has been accepted, the state and not the federal government would assume the costs for managing the conveyed lands. These costs are unknown and could be significant. Considering the existing staff and cost it takes to manage the existing state lands, and to evaluate them prior to conveyance, this exponential increase of land ownership could require a correspondingly significant increase of staff and expense to manage the new lands. However, these costs could be more than offset by potential revenues from these lands.