

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: HB262-DHSS-SBPP-1-23-16
 Title: SENIOR BENEFITS PROG. ELIGIBILITY
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: House HSS

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)

	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			(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund			(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)
Total	0.0	0.0	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)	(43.2)

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? Yes
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/16

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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When the Senior Benefits Program was initially designed, it adopted many of the same eligibility criteria as Alaska's Adult Public Assistance Program. As a result, all Adult Public Assistance recipients are also eligible for Senior Benefits. However, when the Senior Benefits Payment Program was designed, the Adult Public Assistance program's United States citizen and/or qualified alien requirement was overlooked.

Addition of this criterion to the Senior Benefits program would more closely align the two programs.

The change would provide for an overall annual program savings annually of \$43.2. Since the Division of Public Assistance administers both programs, the change would make the Senior Benefits Payment Program easier to administer. Changes to Title 7 Alaska Administrative Code 47.547 will be necessary to amend the language with the corresponding change in statute.