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 Title: MARIJUANA REG;CONT.
 SUBST;CRIMES;DEFENSES
 Sponsor: JUDICIARY
 Requester: Senate Finance Committee

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
 Appropriation: Behavioral Health
 Allocation: Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)
 OMB Component Number: 305

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2016	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2016 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	94.7		94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	94.7	0.0	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund	94.7		94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7
Total	94.7	0.0	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.7

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill makes changes to Alaska Statute, following voter approval of Ballot Measure #2 in November, 2014.

Relevant to duties performed by the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), this bill:

- Amends AS 17.30.140 "Education and Research" to add specific focus on alcohol and marijuana to current work addressing controlled substances;
- Amends various current provisions codified in AS 47.37, adding references to "marijuana", "marijuana abuse", and "marijuana abusers" to areas regarding the maintenance of substance abuse prevention and treatment services available in the state; and
- Amends AS 47.38.020 to allow the courts to refer individuals to an existing sobriety monitoring program, as a condition of release or probation.

Specific to the funds identified in this fiscal note, this bill's proposed changes to AS 47.38.020 will require that certain offenders participate in DBH's existing 24/7 Sobriety Monitoring Program. Participation would be required for individuals who are court ordered to the program as a condition of bail or release.

In larger urban areas such as Anchorage, Mat-Su, Fairbanks, and Kenai, the program is designed to be self-sustaining; testing is done by private testing providers and paid for by program participants. In smaller areas such as Bethel, Barrow, and other rural hub communities, testing will be provided by the Department's Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) grantees. Because testing by private providers requires that there be sufficient number of participants to sustain a private operation, the Department has found no private providers willing to provide testing services in these rural hubs. The Department estimates that the existing workload in these rural offices would increase by approximately 10% with these additional clients. In FY2015, prior to any changes required by this bill, the Department expects to spend approximately \$947.0 for ASAP grantee services outside of the urban Anchorage, Mat-Su, Fairbanks, and Kenai areas. The \$94.7 requested in this fiscal note for FY2016 would fund the expected 10% service increase.

Due to limited data and information about the possible effects of this policy change on multiple affected systems, as well as an unknown regulatory framework, this fiscal note is a current estimate. The Department of Health and Social Services continues to work with multiple agencies, as well as partners in Colorado and Washington State, to gather the best possible information in order to identify costs associated with this bill.