

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Sponsor: MICCICHE
Requester: (S) HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and
Economic Development
Appropriation: Corporations, Business and Professional
Licensing
Allocation: Corporations, Business and Professional
Licensing
OMB Component Number: 2360

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	265.2		265.2	265.2	265.2	265.2	265.2	265.2
Travel								
Services	32.5		112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3
Commodities	15.0							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	312.7	0.0	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1156 Rcpt Svcs	312.7		377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5
Total	312.7	0.0	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5

Positions

Full-time	3.0		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues	312.7		377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5	377.5
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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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/16

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Division of Administrative Services, DCCED		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB 98 expands the practice of telemedicine from prescribing, dispensing, or administering a prescription drug without conducting a physical examination (as authorized under HB 281 during the 2014 Legislative session) to also include diagnosing and treating patients without conducting a physical examination, allowing these practices by a physician who is not located in the state of Alaska, changing the patient consent requirements, and allowing prescription of controlled substances under certain circumstances.

The significant expansion of the practice of telemedicine authorized under this bill will require substantial administrative and investigative resources to pursue complaints pertaining to a rapidly expanding body of licensees who are practicing "in Alaska" but operating in locations across the nation.

The division has seen a 400% increase in license applications since telemedicine was expanded through legislation effective November 2014. This bill would exponentially increase the number of applicants, the geographic reach of applicant licensure, and the volume of supporting documentation required to examine fitness to practice. It will also multiply the potential for pre-application investigations. These changes will result in more costly investigative and legal support to respond to complaints, to discipline licensees for violations occurring across the nation, and to comply with increased licensee appeals of board actions.

This fiscal note provides for one Occupational Licensing Examiner, range 14, to examine license applications and issue licenses. In addition, this fiscal note includes two Investigator III's, range 18, to investigate violations and enforce Alaska laws on this new population of licensees.

If the bill passes the following expenses will be incurred:

Personal Services: \$261.4 (one full time permanent Occupational Licensing Examiner (OLE), range 14, and two full time permanent Investigator III, range 18)

Services: \$2.5 (legal costs to amend regulations, printing, and postage)

\$82.3 (legal cost of investigations and appeals beginning in year two)

\$30.0 (department-wide services support for three new positions)

Commodities: \$15.0 in first year (computer, office panels, office furniture and other one-time needs for three new positions)

Professional licensing programs within the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing are funded by Receipt Supported Services, fund source 1156 Rcpt Svcs (DGF). Licensing fees for each occupation are set per AS 08.01.065 so the total amount of revenue collected approximately equals the occupation's actual regulatory costs.