

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: DOLWD-WCAC-10-31-16
 Title: REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS
 COMMISSION
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
 Appropriation: Workers' Compensation
 Allocation: Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission
 OMB Component Number: 2816

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2018 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2018 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2018	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	(147.4)	294.7	(294.7)	(294.7)	(294.7)	(294.7)	(294.7)	(294.7)
Travel	(9.1)	18.2	(18.2)	(18.2)	(18.2)	(18.2)	(18.2)	(18.2)
Services	(61.4)	122.9	(122.9)	(122.9)	(122.9)	(122.9)	(122.9)	(122.9)
Commodities	(2.5)	5.0	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	(220.4)	440.8	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1157 Wrkrs Safe (DGF)	(220.4)	440.8	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)
Total	(220.4)	440.8	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)	(440.8)

Positions

Full-time		2.0	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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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Agency:	Department of Labor and Workforce Development		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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This legislation would require new appeals cases currently heard by the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission (WCAC) to be filed with the Alaska Superior Court beginning on June 1, 2017, but would retain the WCAC's jurisdiction over pending matters until December 1, 2017. The WCAC would be dissolved, effective December 31, 2017.

This legislation would eliminate the department's staffing and other operating costs currently required to support the WCAC. Assuming that the WCAC would cease incurring operating expenses after December 31, 2017, the FY2018 cost savings was calculated by budgeting for six months instead of 12. The WCAC positions would terminate after the necessary six months of support during FY2018 and be deleted in FY2019.