

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: SB124-DHSS-HCMS-2-6-18
 Title: ABORTION PROCEDURES; CHILD SURRENDER
 Sponsor: GIESSEL
 Requester: Senate HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
 Appropriation: Medicaid Services
 Allocation: Health Care Medicaid Services
 OMB Component Number: 2077

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2019	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2019 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019						
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	1,176.4		1,849.5	2,298.3	2,747.0	3,195.8	3,644.5	
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	1,176.4	0.0	1,849.5	2,298.3	2,747.0	3,195.8	3,644.5	

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	588.2		924.8	1,149.2	1,373.5	1,597.9	1,822.3
1003 G/F Match (UGF)	588.2		924.7	1,149.1	1,373.5	1,597.9	1,822.2
Total	1,176.4	0.0	1,849.5	2,298.3	2,747.0	3,195.8	3,644.5

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill instructs a physician performing or inducing an abortion in the state of Alaska to use the method of terminating the pregnancy that provides the best opportunity for the fetus to survive after removal from the womb. This is contingent upon the physician’s judgment that the method of terminating the pregnancy does not present a serious risk to the life or health of the pregnant woman.

This requires that any health care practitioner present at the abortion utilize the same measures to preserve the life and health of the fetus believed to exhibit signs of life - defined as spontaneous respiratory or cardiac function or pulsation of the umbilical cord, as provided to a child of the same fetal age delivered alive in the course of a natural birth. This requirement would include the use of neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and related professional services, which results in a total estimated NICU cost per child of \$3.4 a day. An estimated stay of up to 20 weeks (or full-term) results in an estimated total NICU and professional services cost for a single infant of \$476.0. Using data from the 2016 Induced Termination of Pregnancy (IOPT) report, the Division of Health Care Services (HCS) estimates that two children per year would fall into the gestational (GA) age category of between 18 and 21 weeks.

Daily NICU Cost	Days (20 Weeks)	NICU Total	Potential Live Births	Estimated Total Annual Cost
\$ 3.4	140	\$ 476.0	2	\$ 952.0

According to MMIS claims data, the annual cost of care for a disabled child (including those not requiring neonatal intensive care) ranges from \$0.4 to \$1,743.7 with an average cost per child of \$112.1. The estimated total annual costs rise by two children yearly, reflecting an increase in the number of potentially disabled children requiring care.

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Number Children	2	4	6	8	10	12
Annual Cost	\$ 224.4	\$ 897.5	\$1,346.3	\$1,795.0	\$2,243.8	\$2,692.5