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Title: MARIJUANA EDU/TREATMENT
FUND/PROGRAM
Sponsor: GIESSEL
Requester: Senate FIN

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Public Health
Allocation: Public Health Administrative Services
OMB Component Number: 292

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	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Travel	5.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Services	242.5		560.0	560.0	560.0	560.0	560.0	560.0
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	412.5		1,645.0	1,645.0	1,645.0	1,645.0	1,645.0	1,645.0
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	760.0	0.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1252 DGF Temp (DGF)	760.0		2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0
Total	760.0	0.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

1250 UGF Rev (UGF)	(760.0)		(2,310.0)	(2,310.0)	(2,310.0)	(2,310.0)	(2,310.0)	(2,310.0)
1252 DGF Temp (DGF)	760.0		2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0	2,310.0
Total	0.0	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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

SB128 version "R" differs from version "A" by requiring the state community based program to include after-school based grants; and adding a workforce assessment and training plan for professionals. This fiscal note reflects the new elements and that the after-school grants will receive half of the appropriation thereby changing the amount available for the other bill components (A) - (E).

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

SB128 version R would create a new Marijuana Education & Treatment Fund (“Fund”) as an account within the general fund. The bill directs 25% of the marijuana excise tax proceeds levied under AS 43.61.010 to the Fund. The remaining proceeds will be distributed 50% to the recidivism reduction fund (AS 43.61.010(c)) and 25% to the general fund. Currently 50% is distributed to the recidivism reduction fund and 50% to the general fund. This fiscal note assumes \$10 million in marijuana excise tax revenue per year based on monthly taxes collected for September to November 2017 (Department of Revenue <http://tax.alaska.gov/programs/programs/reports/index.aspx?60000>), and appropriations to DHSS of 25% or \$2.5 million annually.

The Department of Health and Social Services would administer a marijuana use education treatment program that must include:

- (A) a community-based marijuana misuse prevention component that must include an after-school youth services grant program;
- (B) marijuana public education designed to communicate messages to help prevent youth initiation of marijuana use, educate the public about the effects of marijuana use, educate the public about marijuana laws;
- (C) surveys of (i) youth and adult populations concerning knowledge, awareness, attitude, and use of marijuana products and (ii) the need for trained professionals;
- (D) a training plan for professionals working in these organizations.
- (E) monitoring of population health status related to consequences of marijuana use; and,
- (F) substance abuse screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment.

The Division of Public Health would be responsible for components (A)-(E), while the treatment component (F) will be appropriated to the Division of Behavioral Health in a separate fiscal note. Currently, the department does not have any funds to direct to these efforts.

The Division of Public Health would provide half of the funding for grants for after-school youth programs. Remaining funds will enhance existing, related grant programs for public health, behavioral health, children’s services, juvenile justice, and education (e.g. suicide prevention, tobacco prevention, etc.) to expand their current activities to include evidence-based, substance misuse prevention programming; create education materials including webinars, print materials, Internet resources, and parent and teacher toolkits that focus on preventing youth initiation of marijuana and unsafe marijuana uses in adult populations (e.g. prevent drugged driving, promote safe storage); support existing surveys of youth, pregnant women, and adult risk factors and behaviors by including marijuana-specific questions; assess and plan the training needs of professionals working in these organizations; track trends in health outcomes related to marijuana use; and provide resources for poison control.

The division would hire a new public health specialist (Range 18, ANC/GP) to serve as consultant and subject matter expert in planning and implementing programmatic evaluations, health surveys and assessments, health education materials, and delivery of the community program services. Travel will be needed to bring stakeholders and partners to Anchorage to gather input on program goals and objectives. Services would provide technical assistance to grantees on marijuana prevention programming, production of educational materials, health surveys and assessments, program evaluation, workforce training assessment, and support for the poison control hotline. Grant funds would support marijuana programming efforts in existing grant programs targeted at youth (tobacco prevention, suicide prevention, etc.). The program design to leverage existing grants and surveys minimizes the need for additional staffing and administrative expenses allowing more funds to go directly to programming.

Year 1 reflects the start up and implementation activities needed so that the program would be fully implemented in year 2.