

# Fiscal Note

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 Title: U OF A REGENTS REPORTING REQUIREMENTS  
 Sponsor: STEVENS  
 Requester: Senate Finance

Department: University of Alaska  
 Appropriation: University of Alaska  
 Allocation: Statewide Services  
 OMB Component Number: 730

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2022 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2022 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**Change in Revenues**

None								
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2021) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2022) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
*(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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/comments:**

Updated to reflect change from semiannual to biennial reporting.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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The legislation is expected to have no fiscal impact on current University of Alaska operations.

This legislation would add a reporting requirement by adding a new subsection to AS 14.40.190. The board would be required to prepare a biennial report on the status of national, regional, and programmatic accreditations at the University of Alaska, and describing the efforts being made to maintain or achieve those accreditations. The report would be presented to the House and Senate Education Committees no later than the 30th day of the first regular legislative session.

Per existing board policy, P10.06.010, each university is required to regularly assess all instructional programs to evaluate their quality and effectiveness. These program reviews are designed to meet the standards of applicable national, regional and specialized accrediting bodies. Annually, each university must provide the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the board, a report on the status of these ongoing program reviews which includes a discussion on academic accreditation.

The University of Alaska System has dozens of programmatic accreditations at our three separately accredited universities. While the internal processes for compiling, tracking and reporting this information annually to the board already exists, accounting for the status of each individual program's accreditations on a biennial basis is expected to pose negligible administrative work by provosts and faculty. Accordingly, no fiscal impact for the university system is expected by this legislation.