

Fiscal Note

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 Title: DISCRIMINATION: GENDER ID.;SEXUAL ORIENT.
 Sponsor: ARMSTRONG
 Requester: (H) LABOR & COMMERCE

Department: Office of the Governor
 Appropriation: Commissions/Special Offices
 Allocation: Human Rights Commission
 OMB Component Number: 1

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2024	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2024 Request	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2024	FY 2024					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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 (FY2023) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Initial version. No fiscal impact.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The bill changes the definition of "blockbusting" as it applies to the sale and rental of real property to include "sex" as a protected class. The language also appears to narrow who is subject to the law; a person who engages in the discriminatory real estate practice but does not benefit financially is likely removed from the definition.

The bill adds three definitions to AS 18.80. In doing so, it codifies the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights' (the "Commission's") current practice, on the advice of the Alaska Attorney General, in accepting and investigating employment discrimination complaints based on a person's gender identity or sexual orientation. The bill's definitions also grant the Commission jurisdiction over gender identity and sexual orientation discrimination claims in places of public accommodation, the sale and rental of real property, credit and financing practices, and practices by the State of Alaska and local government by aligning the state definition of "sex" with "sex" under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The bill does not change any current program at the Commission, and since 80% of the Commission's cases are employment related, the agency is already processing the bulk of cases that this bill otherwise grants the Commission jurisdiction over. Further, the Commission was investigating all of the bill's jurisdictional cases from approximately December 2, 2020, through August 16, 2022; this did not have a significant fiscal impact and if anything, allowed the Commission to accept additional federal receipts due to its workshare agreement with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The Commission has the capacity to accept the slight increase in cases anticipated by the bill and therefore submits a zero fiscal note.