

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2024 Legislative Session

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| Bill Version:       | CSHB 115(L&C) |
| Fiscal Note Number: | 3             |
| (H) Publish Date:   | 1/24/2024     |

Identifier: HB115-DPS-SWS-15-15-23  
 Title: NATUROPATHS: LICENSING; PRACTICE  
 Sponsor: PRAX  
 Requester: (H) LABOR AND COMMERCE

Department: Department of Public Safety  
 Appropriation: Statewide Support  
 Allocation: Criminal Justice Information Systems Program  
 OMB Component Number: 3200

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

|                               | FY2025                  | Included in               | Out-Year Cost Estimates |            |            |            |            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                               | Appropriation Requested | Governor's FY2025 Request | FY 2026                 | FY 2027    | FY 2028    | FY 2029    | FY 2030    |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>FY 2025</b>          | <b>FY 2025</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> |

**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> |

**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> |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) 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:**

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| Updated from SLA2023 to SLA2024 fiscal note template. |
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| Agency:      | Department of Public Safety                    |        |                     |

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**Analysis**

This bill establishes the Naturopathy Advisory Board under the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development and amends or adds to the requirements for licensure, licensure renewals, duties to report, suspension and revocation of licensure, grounds to refuse licensure, services and restrictions a licensed naturopath can provide while practicing, and public health duties.

The bill also requires persons applying for licensure to practice naturopathy, or for licensure renewal applications every six years, to submit fingerprints and fees to the Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for a state criminal history background check, and AS 12.62.400 for a national criminal history background check.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) Division of Statewide Services maintains the state's criminal history record repository, and manages the state's criminal history background check program.

The DPS estimates the volume of criminal history background check submissions for licensure and renewals for licensure to practice naturopathy to be less than 100 per year. Therefore, the department anticipates a limited fiscal impact and is submitting a zero fiscal note. However, there are multiple bills under consideration with criminal history background check requirements and the combination of those bills, if passed, may result in fiscal impact for DPS.