

Fiscal Note

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2023 Legislative Session

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 Title: ASSOCIATE AND PROFESSIONAL
 COUNSELORS
 Sponsor: WRIGHT
 Requester: (H) L&C

Department: Department of Health
 Appropriation: Medicaid Services
 Allocation: Medicaid Services
 OMB Component Number: 3234

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? **yes**
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/24**

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 adds “associate counselor” as a licensed profession under AS 08.29.

This bill directs the Board of Professional Counselors to stipulate – through regulations – the criteria for associate counselor licensure; the types of associate counselor programs that are authorized for licensure; and the criteria for supervisor certification.

The Division of Behavioral Health and the Division of Health Care Services, located within the Department of Health, are submitting a zero dollar Medicaid Services fiscal note for this bill. The department does not have estimates for the number of individuals in Alaska that will become or are currently eligible to be licensed associate counselors. This fiscal note assumes that the Medicaid costs from the associate counselor license are currently contemplated within the department’s current Medicaid services budget.

Both the Division of Behavioral Health and the Division of Health Care services will need to promulgate regulations related to the onboarding of this new license type.