

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2024 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB177-DNR-DGGS-01-10-24
 Title: CRITICAL NATURAL MINERALS PLAN AND REPORT
 Sponsor: SADDLER
 Requester: (H)RES

Department: Department of Natural Resources
 Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
 Allocation: Geological & Geophysical Surveys
 OMB Component Number: 1031

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Services	45.0							
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	45.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	45.0							
Total	45.0	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	0.0

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Agency:	Natural Resources		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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This legislation will require the Department of Natural Resources to provide a report to the legislature. The Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGs) will write the report, with input from the Division of Mining, Land, and Water.

Report contents will include comparing the state's current production, potential future production to national, global production of critical and essential minerals, identify strategies to increase industry exploration, project state production and development of critical and essential minerals and, compare the state's permitting timelines and exploration incentives with the permitting timelines and exploration incentives in other jurisdictions.

The position selected to work on this project is federally funded. To complete this short-term project, the division requires a one-time UGF increment. There are no other existing PCNs that are state funded with the required scientific-technical expertise that can complete this project. Given the difficulties with recruiting highly skilled temporary positions, utilizing an existing project-driven position is the most appropriate option.

Personal Services \$45.0 UGF (Budgeted for approximately four months)

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