

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2024 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB217-DOT-AMHS-04-18-2024
 Title: COMM PSSG VESSEL ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: House Transportation

Department: Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
 Appropriation: Marine Highway System
 Allocation: Vessel Operations Management
 OMB Component Number: 629

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
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
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 (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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Initial version, not applicable.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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The language in HB 217 seeks to redefine commercial passenger vessels to incorporate vessels carrying over 50 passengers or has accommodations for overnighting 50 passengers so that such vessels can be regulated for their discharging requirements. This would result in three current vessels from the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) to fall under the new redefinition: M/V Kennicott, M/V Columbia, and M/V Matanuska, as well as the yet-to-be-built replacement for the M/V Tustumena and likely future mainline ferries.

Additionally, the bill seeks to collect \$5 per berth, per voyage to help fund Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) efforts. Section 10 places a cap on fees collect for small commercial passenger vessels, for which some of the AMHS fleet would qualify, and Section 11 of this bill further specifies that fees for vessels operated by the state be jointly set by the commissioner DEC and the commissioner of transportation and public facilities (DOTPF).

Revenue generation from this fee will be dependent on multiple factors such as scheduling of applicable ferries and agreements between DEC and DOT&PF. Any fee ultimately established will be incorporated into the ticket pricing charged to AMHS passengers. These fees would be added to the "SHARED TAXES AND FEES" language section of the operating bill to allow pass-through of these receipts to the department of environmental conservation, thereby having no material impact on the operating budget. Therefore, the DOTPF submits a zero fiscal note.