

Fiscal Note

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2024 Legislative Session

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| Bill Version: | HB 242 |
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Identifier: HB242-DOH-SBPP-01-31-24
 Title: EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM
 Sponsor: VANCE
 Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health
 Appropriation: Senior Benefits Payment Program
 Allocation: Senior Benefits Payment Program
 OMB Component Number: 2897

Expenditures/Revenues

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

| | FY2025 | Included in | Out-Year Cost Estimates | | | | |
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| | Appropriation Requested | Governor's FY2025 Request | FY 2026 | FY 2027 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 | FY 2030 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2025 | FY 2025 | | | | | |
| Personal Services | | | | | | | |
| Travel | | | | | | | |
| Services | | | | | | | |
| Commodities | | | | | | | |
| Capital Outlay | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Benefits | 23,542.3 | | 24,013.1 | 24,493.4 | 24,983.3 | 25,482.9 | 25,992.6 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| Total Operating | 23,542.3 | 0.0 | 24,013.1 | 24,493.4 | 24,983.3 | 25,482.9 | 25,992.6 |

Fund Source (Operating Only)

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| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 23,542.3 | | 24,013.1 | 24,493.4 | 24,983.3 | 25,482.9 | 25,992.6 |
| Total | 23,542.3 | 0.0 | 24,013.1 | 24,493.4 | 24,983.3 | 25,482.9 | 25,992.6 |

Positions

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| Full-time | | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | | |

Change in Revenues

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| 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? 0
(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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Corrected information about regulations. This bill does not require regulation changes.

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| Division: | Public Assistance | Date: | 01/29/2024 |
| Approved By: | Raquel Solomon-Gross, Acting Assistant Commissioner | Date: | 01/31/24 |
| Agency: | Department of Health | | |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

Fiscal impact assumptions factor in current regulations for the Senior Benefits Payment Program which includes language that instructs the division to reduce benefit payments for the highest income/lowest benefit tier to remain within the appropriated budget. Starting in FY2018, the division has reduced the lowest benefit tier payment from \$125/month to \$76/month.

Current Benefit Levels:

\$250/month payment level - Income up to 75% of Alaska Federal Poverty Level
\$175/month payment level - Income between 75% and 100% Alaska Federal Poverty Level
\$76/month payment level - Income between 100% and 175% Alaska Federal Poverty Level

For purposes of these projections, the division assumes participation levels will continue at the historical 2% annual increase and benefit levels will align with current statute AS 47.45.302(b)(3).

Based on this assumption the divisions anticipates participation as follows:

\$250 - 24,317 payments totaling \$6,079.3
\$175 - 63,243 payments totaling \$11,067.5
\$125 - 51,164 payments totaling \$6,395.5

Projected total Senior Benefit expenditure for initial year = \$23,542.3