

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2023 Legislative Session

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Identifier: SB60-DOLWD-WCAC-02-24-23
 Title: REPEAL WORKERS' COMP APPEALS
 COMMISSION
 Sponsor: WIELECHOWSKI
 Requester: (S) L&C

Department: Department of Labor and Workforce Development
 Appropriation: Workers' Compensation
 Allocation: Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission
 OMB Component Number: 2816

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2024 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2024 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Personal Services	(178.4)		(356.8)				
Travel							
Services	(55.5)		(111.1)				
Commodities	(2.5)		(5.0)				
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	(236.4)	0.0	(472.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1157 Wrkrs Safe (DGF)	(236.4)		(472.9)				
Total	(236.4)	0.0	(472.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time			(2.0)				
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

1157 Wrkrs Safe (DGF)	(236.4)		(472.9)				
Total	(236.4)	0.0	(472.9)	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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/23

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Initial version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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The Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission (WCAC) hears appeals of final decisions and orders of the Workers' Compensation Board. This legislation would require new appeal cases to be filed with the Alaska Superior Court beginning on June 1, 2023, but would retain the WCAC's jurisdiction over pending matters until December 1, 2023. The WCAC would dissolve effective December 31, 2023.

This legislation would eliminate two positions and associated funding necessary to operate the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission. Based on the December 31, 2023 date for the final repeal of the commission, FY24 cost savings are expected to be 50 percent of the budgeted costs for the year.

The regulations applicable to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission under 8 AAC 57.010 through 8 AAC 56.990 would need to be amended and ultimately repealed once the WCAC was dissolved.