

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
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Identifier: SB170-DOH-SBPP-1-31-24  
 Title: EXTEND SENIOR BENEFITS PAYMENT PROGRAM  
 Sponsor: KAWASAKI  
 Requester: (S) FIN

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 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
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								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>23,542.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24,013.1</b>	<b>24,493.4</b>	<b>24,983.3</b>	<b>25,482.9</b>	<b>25,992.6</b>	

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	23,542.3		24,013.1	24,493.4	24,983.3	25,482.9	25,992.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,542.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>24,013.1</b>	<b>24,493.4</b>	<b>24,983.3</b>	<b>25,482.9</b>	<b>25,992.6</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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