

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2025 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHB 49(L&C)
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Identifier: HB049-DOH-CDPHP-1-24-25
 Title: TOBACCO/NICOTINE/E-CIG AGE; E-CIG TAX
 Sponsor: HANNAN
 Requester: (H) L&C

Department: Department of Health
 Appropriation: Public Health
 Allocation: Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
 OMB Component Number: 2818

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2026 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026					
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 (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **01/01/26**

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

No applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**Analysis**

HB049 raises the minimum legal age to purchase tobacco and nicotine products from 19 to 21. The bill reduces the fine for underage possession of tobacco or nicotine from \$500 to \$300, with an option for the court to refer the person in possession to a tobacco education program. The bill retains the exception for electronic cigarettes used for tobacco cessation, if approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as a cessation device.

The bill creates a new sales tax structure for electronic smoking products, which are not currently taxed. The bill prohibits online sales of tobacco products to individuals for personal use, likely to address current inconsistencies in state tobacco tax collection. The definition of electronic smoking products would implement a 25 percent sales tax on closed electronic smoking products and vapor products.

This bill removes the Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Fund (TUECF) as a special account within the General Fund and establishes TUECF as its own fund within the state treasury. There is no direct fiscal impact from this legislation to either fund.

The bill sets an effective date of January 1, 2026; sections related to sales, shipping, licensing, and tax have an effective date of January 1, 2027.

There is limited programmatic impact and no fiscal impact is foreseen; therefore this is a zero dollar fiscal note.