

Fiscal Note

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2025 Legislative Session

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Identifier: 0026-DNR-DMLW-02-17-25
 Title: STATE LAND FOR RECREATIONAL CABIN SITES
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: Governor

Department: Department of Natural Resources
 Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
 Allocation: Mining, Land & Water
 OMB Component Number: 3002

Expenditures/Revenues

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

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Personal Services	124.7		522.4	647.1	647.1	647.1	647.1
Travel			33.2	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
Services	15.0		60.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0
Commodities	5.0		15.0	5.0			
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	144.7	0.0	630.6	777.1	772.1	772.1	772.1

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	144.7		630.6	777.1	772.1	772.1	772.1
Total	144.7	0.0	630.6	777.1	772.1	772.1	772.1

Positions

Full-time	1.0		4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/30/27

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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Agency:	Department of Natural Resources		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill broadens the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) authority to make land available to Alaskans. This bill would enable more Alaskans to obtain State land as recreational cabin sites, either by lease or purchase, and provides a more streamlined process to do so.

Under this bill, recreational cabin sites would be available through either a schedule of land offerings by DNR listing areas available for staking (already possible in statute) or through a new nomination process. The nomination process allows an eligible applicant to stake up to 10 acres of general domain State land that could be either leased for up to 10 years and then purchased, or purchased outright.

The bill excludes recreational cabin site leases or sales from the requirement for a written finding under AS 38.05.035. Land that is nominated and is not classified in a manner that allows for a recreational cabin site may be reclassified by the commissioner at the applicant's expense. Leases for recreational cabin sites would be limited to 10 years and lessees could purchase the site at fair market value at any time during the lease. Eligible applicants would be able to nominate and purchase, or purchase a parcel from a State land offering, once every 10 years.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water (Division) anticipates high interest in this program from former and current Personal Use Cabin Permit (PUCP) holders and other Alaskans. The department anticipates many current or former PUCP holders will take advantage of these statutory changes. Similarly, it is anticipated quite a few Alaskans will nominate lands under this bill. The Division estimates that up to 400 PUCPs may be eligible under this program to lease and purchase. The Division will need one full-time position for five years in order to process the PUCPs alone.

The Division anticipates a substantial number of nominations from other Alaskans. A total of five positions will be needed to implement the program. If demand exceeds the Division's ability to adjudicate sites in a timely fashion, additional positions may be requested. The travel cost estimate is based on the number of trips per year that both the appraiser and surveyor would need to take, and assumes the average trip will require two hours of flight time and some amount of standby time for aircraft. Many trips will require either chartered airplane or helicopter services.

DMLW Costs:

Personal Services \$647.1

One permanent Full-Time Natural Resource Specialist 3, range 18, Anchorage \$124.7 - beginning in FY2026

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One permanent Full-Time Land Surveyor 1, range 21, Anchorage - \$148.3 - beginning in FY2027

One permanent Full-Time Appraiser 2, range 18, Anchorage - \$124.7 - beginning in FY2028

Travel \$50.0

Estimating 10 trips per year for the Appraiser 2 and 20 trips per year for the Land Surveyor 1. Many trips will require either chartered fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter services to reach remote parcels.

Contractual \$75.0

Core Costs by PCN (\$15.0 each annually)

Supplies \$25.0

Initial position setup, e.g., computer, office furniture, etc. (\$5.0 each one time cost)