

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2025 Legislative Session

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| Bill Version:       | HB 117    |
| Fiscal Note Number: | 2         |
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Identifier: HB117-DPS-AWT-2-28-25  
 Title: COMMERCIAL FISHING; SET GILLNET COOP  
 Sponsor: FISHERIES  
 Requester: House Fisheries

Department: Department of Public Safety  
 Appropriation: Alaska State Troopers  
 Allocation: Alaska Wildlife Troopers  
 OMB Component Number: 2746

**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    |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>FY 2026</b>          | <b>FY 2026</b>            |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Personal Services             |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Travel                        |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Services                      |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Commodities                   |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Capital Outlay                |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Grants & Benefits             |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| Miscellaneous                 |                         |                           |                         |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Operating</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> |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 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> |

**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 (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? No  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? n/a

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

not applicable, initial version

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| Agency:      | Department of Public Safety                          |        |                     |

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
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This bill authorizes commercial set gillnet permit holders to operate as cooperatives, allowing up to ten permit holders to fish collectively. The bill requires all participating permit holders to be present and actively engaged while fishing and permits fish harvested under the cooperative structure to be sold together under a single permit holder or designated transporter. The Board of Fisheries is tasked with adopting regulations to implement and oversee cooperative fishing operations.

The Department of Public Safety, through the Alaska Wildlife Troopers, is responsible for enforcing commercial fishing regulations. While this bill introduces a new cooperative structure, it does not impose additional enforcement requirements on the department beyond its existing duties. Compliance verification will be incorporated into routine patrols and inspections. Although enforcement may require adjustments in monitoring and verification procedures, these changes can be absorbed within current resources and do not necessitate additional funding.

Given that the bill does not create new enforcement responsibilities or require additional personnel or equipment, the department submits a zero fiscal note.