

# Fiscal Note

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 Title: CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION  
 Sponsor: GRAY-JACKSON  
 Requester: (S) State Affairs

Department: Office of the Governor  
 Appropriation: Executive Operations  
 Allocation: Executive Office  
 OMB Component Number: 6

**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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services	186.3		183.6	183.6	183.6	183.6	183.6	183.6
Travel	90.0		90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0
Services	200.0		200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
Commodities	10.0		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>486.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	486.3		478.6	478.6	478.6	478.6	478.6	478.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>486.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>	<b>478.6</b>

**Positions**

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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? 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/26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:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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## Analysis

This bill establishes the Alaska Climate Change Emergency Response Commission to address the threat that climate change poses on communities in the state, the state economy, traditional ways of life, fish and game populations, and natural ecosystems.

The commission will be established in the Office of the Governor and shall consist of six commissioners:

- 1) The Commissioner of Fish and Game;
- 2) The Commissioner of Environmental Conservation;
- 3) The Commissioner of Natural Resources;
- 4) The Commissioner of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development;
- 5) The Commissioner of Transportation and Public Facilities; and
- 6) The Director of the Division in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development that is responsible for community and regional affairs.

In addition, the Governor shall appoint nine municipal representatives to the commission. Each municipal representative must be a mayor or member of an assembly or council of a municipality from the following general regions:

- 1) Northwest Alaska, including, generally, the area of the North Slope Borough and the Northwest Arctic Borough;
- 2) Bering Strait area, including, generally, the area of the Bering Strait regional educational attendance area;
- 3) Southwest Alaska, including, generally, the area within the Lower Yukon, Lower Kuskokwim, and Southwest regional educational attendance areas and the Lake and Peninsula and Bristol Bay Boroughs;
- 4) Kodiak-Aleutians area, including the area of the Kodiak Island and Aleutians East Boroughs and the Aleutian, Adak, and Pribilof regional educational attendance areas;
- 5) Upper Cook Inlet area, including the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
- 6) Lower Cook Inlet area, including, generally, the area within the Kenai Peninsula Borough;
- 7) Prince Williams Sound area, including, generally, the area east of Kenai Peninsula Borough to 141 West longitude;
- 8) Northern Southeast Alaska, including the area southeast of 141 degrees West longitude and north of 57 degrees North latitude and the entirety of the City and Borough of Sitka; and
- 9) Southern Southeast Alaska, including the portion of Southeast Alaska not contained in the area described in (8).

The initial term of the members of the Alaska Climate Change Emergency Response Commission shall be three members who shall be appointed to serve three years; three members shall be appointed to serve two years; and three members shall be appointed to serve one year.

The commission may employ an executive director in the exempt service to serve at the pleasure of the commission who may contract with or employ personnel or consultants to carry out the powers and duties of the commission.

The commission may apply for and accept grants, contributions and appropriations, including federal, international, or private funds for financing infrastructure adaptation, renewable energy technology, community relocation, food and transportation security, education and research or other need related to climate change. The commission may contract for services and consultation with public or private persons, organizations, and groups affected by or concerned with climate change, a scientist with doctorate degrees, agents and officials in different regions of the state and federal and state agencies concerned with or having jurisdiction over climate change effects. The commission will take reasonable action to carry out the provisions of AS 44.19.651 - AS 44.19.672.

The commissioner shall prepare a strategic response plan to address climate change threats that includes the identity the areas in the state economy that are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change, includes options for assisting

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communities and sectors of the economy identified as being vulnerable to the effects of climate change and identify specific threats posed by climate change on areas in the state and sectors of the state economy with a course of action to address.

The commission shall provide grant writing and general assistance to governmental and non-governmental entities in the state on climate change response issues, prioritizing assistance to rural governments, nonprofits serving rural areas and tribal organizations and will develop a program for the distribution of funds to assist local governments response to climate change. Fees will be created in regulation for this service and will be based on a sliding scale formula.

The commission will establish continuing coordination among state agencies to facilitate the development and implementation of the climate change response strategy and will coordinate with the University of Alaska to seek out grants or other aid for climate change education and research and will inform the public of available assistance to respond to climate change effects that will include an outreach program to rural governments, nonprofits serving rural areas and tribal organizations.

The commission will monitor and report on the effects of climate change on existing infrastructure, ecosystems, geophysical features and communities in the state, will advance the implementation of technology that provides for renewable energy, local food systems, and adaptive infrastructure in the state by recommending administrative action, legislation and policies to incentivize its development, and will identify opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from instate sources, including the expanded use of alternative fuels, energy conservation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, land use management and transportation planning.

The commission shall submit a report annually to the Governor and the Legislature that includes the activities of the commission for the previous calendar year that includes a list of threats, an assessment of progress in addressing threats, an assessment of compliance with the strategic response plan, and any recommendations for legislative and administrative action. The commission shall submit the annual report not later than February 1 of each year to the legislature.

This fiscal note contemplates the following:

Personal services includes hiring Executive Director, range 24 with an annual salary and benefits of \$183.5.

Travel is estimated at \$90.0 for each member to travel four times annually for quarterly meetings.

Contractual costs of \$200.0 includes contracts for services and consultation.

Commodities includes annual and set up costs for the first year, and projected annual costs for all other years.