

Fiscal Note

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 Title: HOME CARE EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS ADV BOARD
 Sponsor: YUNDT
 Requester: (S) L&C

Department: Department of Health
 Appropriation: Senior and Disabilities Services
 Allocation: Senior and Disabilities Services Administration
 OMB Component Number: 2663

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	132.3		270.2	270.2	270.2	270.2	270.2
Travel	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Services	24.0		48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0	48.0
Commodities	5.0		7.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	163.3	0.0	327.2	324.2	324.2	324.2	324.2

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)	81.6		163.6	162.1	162.1	162.1	162.1
1003 GF/Match (UGF)	81.7		163.6	162.1	162.1	162.1	162.1
Total	163.3	0.0	327.2	324.2	324.2	324.2	324.2

Positions

Full-time	1.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/26

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**Analysis**

Senate Bill 154 establishes a board to investigate and report on the wages, workforce, and working conditions for covered services: chore services, hourly respite services, personal care services, and habilitation services.

The bill would require the board to meet at least three times annually and produce a biennial report of their findings and recommendations to the commissioner of the department of health. The bill allows the board meetings to be held by teleconference or other electronic means. The commissioner can accept or reject the recommendations but must provide written explanation of rejections to the board and to the legislative committees that oversee health and social services.

The bill requires that a biennial report be published on the department's website and contain key findings and recommendations regarding wages, rates for services, working conditions, recruitment challenges, and other information. Regulations would need to be developed that compel providers of these services to provide data on wages and other information sought, and to compel them to pay workers at the levels required in the bill.

The department anticipates needing two additional full-time Health Program Manager 2 positions to fulfill the reporting requirements.

Personal Services: One full-time Health Program Manager 2, range 19, Anchorage: \$132.3 (including benefits) annually beginning in FY2026, which will work on regulations and setting up the board in FY2026. Another full-time Health Program Manager 2, range 19, Juneau: \$137.9 (including benefits) annually beginning in FY2027.

Travel: Travel for state staff and board members for meetings and presentations \$2.0 annually.

Services: Office space, phone, reimbursable service agreements for position support and production of annual report \$24.0 annually for each position.

Commodities: Office supplies \$2.0 annually for each position.

One-Time Commodities Cost: Computer, software, and office equipment \$3.0 additional for the first year of each position.