

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	SB 196
Fiscal Note Number:	2
(S) Publish Date:	3/23/2026

Identifier: SB196-DOH-BHTRG-02-05-26  
 Title: BEH. HEALTH CRISIS SURCHARGE & FUND  
 Sponsor: KAWASAKI  
 Requester: S (L&C)

Department: Department of Health  
 Appropriation: Behavioral Health  
 Allocation: Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants  
 OMB Component Number: 3099

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	***	FY 2027	***	***	***	***	***
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	***	<b>0.0</b>	***	***	***	***	***

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</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 (FY2026) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** Yes  
*(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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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.

Prepared By:	Jenn Carson, Division Director	Phone:	(907)465-6271
Division:	Division of Behavioral Health	Date:	02/04/2026
Approved By:	Pam Halloran, Assistant Commissioner	Date:	02/05/26
Agency:	Department of Health		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

**Analysis**

SB196 seeks a sustainable funding source to enhance crisis response and to improve access to critical services. This bill establishes a \$0.98 monthly surcharge on phone lines to create the designated behavioral health crisis services fund within the general fund. The Department of Administration (DOA) will account for the surcharge collected and deposit it into the fund. The Legislature may appropriate funds to the Department of Health annually to support the 988 behavioral health crisis hotline, crisis services for individuals in need, recruitment and retention of mental health professionals, specialized training for at-risk communities, to support public awareness of the 988 hotline and crisis services available in the state and for data collection, analysis, and quality improvement efforts to enhance service effectiveness.

The Legislature may appropriate funds from the behavioral health crisis services fund to the Division of Behavioral Health. It is uncertain how much will be appropriated; therefore, an indeterminate fiscal note is submitted.