

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	SB 226
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Identifier: SB226-DEC-EH-03-13-26  
 Title: **HOMEMADE FOOD; REDUCED OXYGEN  
PACKAGING**  
 Sponsor: GIESSEL  
 Requester: (S) LABOR AND COMMERCE

Department: Department of Environmental Conservation  
 Appropriation: Environmental Health  
 Allocation: Environmental Health  
 OMB Component Number: 3202

**Expenditures/Revenues**

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

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2027</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 (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?** 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

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

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

Senate Bill 226 would amend Alaska Statute (AS) 17.20.332, commonly known as the *Alaska Homemade Food Rule*, to add “potentially hazardous homemade food in reduced oxygen packaging” to the list of products that may not be sold as homemade food. “Potentially hazardous homemade food” is an existing term in statute (AS 17.20.332(b)), and would apply that existing category to certain homemade foods packaged using reduced oxygen packaging.

The bill also would define “reduced oxygen packaging” in AS 17.20.338 as “packaging for a homemade food product from which oxygen has been removed to maintain product quality or promote a vacuum seal.”

To implement these requirements, the Division of Environmental Health anticipates incorporating compliance into existing processes without the need for regulatory development or significant additional workload. Therefore, the Department expects to implement the bill using existing resources.