

HB-244

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. House Bill 244
 Title: An act relating to evaluation and planning in the Dept. of Health & Soc. Svcs
 Requested by: _____ Date: _____
 Return Date Requested: _____
 Agency: Dept. of Health & Soc. Svcs. Program: DH&SS Administration

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: DH&SS Administration

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		232.1	255.3	280.8	308.9	339.8
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		232.1	255.3	280.8	308.9	339.8

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		232.1	255.3	280.8	308.9	339.8
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	0 /	0 /	0 /	0 /	0 /
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0	/ 0

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: 2-12-78 PREPARED BY: Richard M. Lloyd

Original: Legislative Finance
 cc: Budget and Management
 Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)

POSITION PAPER

ON

HOUSE BILL NO. 244

An Act relating to evaluation and planning in the Department of Health and Social Services.

This bill adds a new section to the chapter on the Department of Health and Social Services to mandate evaluative studies and planning for improved operations, the cost to be met by earmarking .0025 of the departmental budget for this purpose. The results of these studies are to be presented annually to the Legislature.

The objective of this measure is to ensure that departmental operations are accompanied by evaluation, which in turn can provide guidance for subsequent program developments.

This approach and the accompanying budgetary provision are most urgently needed today, when there are many new developments which affect the department. The claims settlement act, pipeline and outer continental shelf developments, new federal legislation, and anticipated influx of population - all necessitate a fresh review of previous activities, a thorough exploration of all facets of key issues, and discriminating decisions concerning departmental policies and use of resources.

The bill as currently written does not specify whether the .0025 appropriation is to be based upon the full budget (including federal and state funds) or only on the state general fund budget. The amount of the appropriation will depend, of course, on which computation is used: based on the proposed FY 76 budget, \$232,100 would be provided if both state and federal funds are considered whereas \$160,000 would be provided if the appropriation is based only on the state general fund budget.

In view of the uncertainties concerning federal funding and lack of state control over this factor, the department recommends that the bill specify that the appropriation be based only on the state general fund budget.

If the legislative intent was to finance this bill at the higher figure, then the percentage would have to be raised, perhaps to .0033, if only state general funds are used in the computation.

The department favors the objective of the measure but cannot recommend any increase in the Governor's authorized budget.

Recommended By: Lois M. Jund
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Acting Division Director
Division of Public Health

4/16/75
(Date)

Approved By: Francis S.L. Williamson
Francis S.L. Williamson, Commissioner
Dept. of Health and Social Services

4/17/75
(Date)

Comments by Governor's Office:

By: _____

(Date)

STATE
of ALASKA**MEMORANDUM**

TO: The Honorable Susan Sullivan, Chairwoman
Committee of Health, Education and Social Services

THRU: Francis S. L. Williamson, Commissioner *for* DATE : April 17, 1975
Department of Health and Social Services

FROM: Jerry L. Madden, Coordinator SUBJECT: Substitute language from
Office of Comprehensive Health Planning House Bill No. 244

As per your request to assist Representatives Bierne and Hackney, I am submitting to you substitute language which might be incorporated into House Bill No. 244 in order to have it address the questions which were posed during hearing on the afore-mentioned bill held before the House HESS Committee on May 16, 1974.

Beginning on line 10 of the original bill, following "...PLANNING.

A sum of \$25,000 will be appropriated to the Department to conduct a study that would define the specific amounts of money and total of such monies being spent by the department for planning and evaluation activities and would make specific recommendations to the Ninth Legislature, Second Session, as to the effectiveness of such expenditures, their role in the total human services activities of the Department, and how resources presently available and available in the future might be capitalized upon to insure more efficient service delivery through on-going planning and evaluation activities.

It should be stressed that the purpose of this proposed amendment is not to exceed the Governor's budget allotment to the Department but is to comply with a legislative request which, I believe, was made in the interest of seeking to assist the department to better accomplish its mission.

A position paper on this matter will be submitted by the department upon request.

cc: Representatives Bierne and Hackney

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