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## FISCAL NOTE

**REQUEST:**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: Related to Alcohol-related  
 birth defects awareness week  
 Sponsor: Senator Binkley  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affected: Health & Social Services  
 BRU: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Components: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:** (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>CAPITAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<b>REVENUE</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

**ANALYSIS :** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Fiscal impact for FY 90 is "0".

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POSITION PAPER

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 44

SCR 44 designates the week of May 13 -- 19, 1990 as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Week. This special designation coincides with national efforts to warn pregnant women about the dangers of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.

BACKGROUND

In 1981, the United States Surgeon General recommended that women who are pregnant or are considering pregnancy, abstain from alcoholic beverages and be aware of the alcohol content of foods, beverages, and medication. However, to date, this warning has not been adequately reinforced in our society.

The public is not sufficiently aware of all of the short- and long-term effects of alcohol on their health and their children's health. People simply do not know that Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is one of the leading causes of mental retardation. It is the only cause which is completely preventable -- if women abstain from all alcohol during pregnancy or when they are trying to become pregnant. Since there is no way to predict how much alcohol is "safe," women planning a pregnancy are strongly advised to stop consuming alcohol before attempting to conceive and throughout pregnancy and nursing.

POSITION

Establishing an FAS Awareness Week will help inform pregnant women, women who are considering pregnancy, and other Alaskans of the dangers of alcohol use during pregnancy.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports this legislation.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: Myra M. Munson  
Myra M. Munson, Commissioner  
Department of Health and  
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Date: 2-15-90

