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FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: _____
 Title: Relating to Medical Education
about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome . . .
 Sponsor: 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						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-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)

FY 90 fiscal impact is "0."

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 Division: Office of Prevention Date: _____
 Approved by Commissioner: *Myra M. Munson* Date: 2/12/90
 Agency: Department of Health & Social Services

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POSITION PAPER

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45

"Relating to medical education about fetal alcohol syndrome and fetal alcohol effects."

BACKGROUND

SCR 45 encourages the Alaska State Medical Association and the Alaska State Nurses Association to make available courses for continuing-education credits and to encourage courses to be offered in the area of alcohol-related birth defects.

Many women believe that physicians are the best and most credible source of health information. Research findings on whether health professionals have the information they need regarding the dangers of drinking while pregnant or whether they view it as their task to impart such information to their patients and clients is ambivalent. Some research indicates many physicians and other practitioners appear reluctant to inform their patients that the safest choice is to avoid drinking during pregnancy.

POSITION:

Experience has shown that extensive and intensive professional training is essential if the pregnant drinker is to be identified accurately and treated effectively. Such training has been shown to increase physician's effectiveness in preventing pregnant women from abusing alcohol during pregnancy and to improve the physician's intervention skills.

The Department of Health and Social Services supports SCR 45.

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2/15/90

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