

**HB**

**349**

**SFIN**

**FILE**

# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/24/98

FURTHER: 5/7/98

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 6 May 98

Finance Committee considered CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 349(FIN)

"An Act prohibiting the use of the title `social worker' without a license; relating to social workers, licensure of social workers, and the Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with S CS SS HB 349 ( FIN )
- adopt previous \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ )
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by \_\_\_\_\_ Committee
- further referral to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
- same title
  - new title
- House Bill:**
- same title
  - technical title
  - new: SCR# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Calderon</i>	X	<i>Paul Pinell</i>			
<i>John Ingram</i>	✓				
<i>Ed Kelly</i>	✓				
Co-Chair:		Co-Chair: <i>Paul Pinell</i>	✓		
Co-Chair:		Co-Chair: <i>Ed Kelly</i>			

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
DCED	5/23/98		13.2

PROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

# FISCAL NOTE

REPORTED OUT OF  
 3/1/98  
 No: 2  
 Bill Version: CSSSHB 349 (FIN)  
 (H) Publish Date: 4/14/98

STATE OF ALASKA  
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: March 20, 1998  
 Title: An Act prohibiting the use of the title 'social worker' without a license;....  
 Sponsor: Representatives James, Kelly, Elton  
 Requestor: House Labor and Commerce

Department: Commerce and Economic Development  
 BRU: Occupational Licensing  
 Component: Operations

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1844

**Expenditures/Revenues**

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
PERSONAL SERVICES	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES	26.4	0.0	26.4	0.0	26.4	0.0
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**FUND SOURCE**

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 General Fund						
1005 GF/Program Receipts	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>13.2</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY 98) cost: \$ 0.0

**POSITIONS**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

SSH B 349 renames and reorganizes the present Board of Clinical Social Work Examiners, establishes two new categories of licensure and prohibits the use of the title 'social worker' without a license. Information obtained by the division indicates 250 new applicants may seek licensure under this bill. Sec. 08.95.920 of the bill directs that license fees be equal for all three categories of social work. The new costs shown above are explained on the attached page.

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# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO.: SSHB 349

ANALYSIS: (Continued)

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FISCAL NOTE CALCULATIONS

### Personal Services

Funding to add 2.5 months of time to an existing PPT Occupational Licensing Examiner I position, Range 12, GGU 8.5

The increase time to the existing position will be responsible for licensing of the new social work categories.

### Contractual Services

This funding covers communication costs, public noticing, printing, advertising and legal services to establish new regulations. 4.7

**TOTAL: 13.2**

### Revenue

Occupational licensing programs subject to AS 08.01.065 are required to cover their costs through license fees. Section 08.95.920 of this bill provides that all licenses regulated by the Board of Social Work Examiners share costs equally. There are currently 253 licensed clinical social workers. The 250 anticipated new applicants will bring the number of social worker license holders to 503. The biennial projected fee for all three categories of social worker license is projected to be \$318.00. This fee does not include new investigation or enforcement costs. If such costs result from the legislation, license fees will be adjusted accordingly. Similarly, Licensing Examiner costs are based on positive timekeeping and only actual time spent in licensing social workers will be billed to the program.