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STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Version: SSB 181 (HES)
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Revision Date: 01/23/98
Title: relating to assistance for abortions under the
general relief medical program
Sponsor: Ward
Requestor: HESS

Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
BRU: Medical Assistance
Component: Medicaid Non-Facility
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 229
See also (SN#): _____

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	3,132.0	3,529.0	3,987.8	4,506.2	5,092.0	5,753.9
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	3,132.0	3,529.0	3,987.8	4,506.2	5,092.0	5,753.9

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGES IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
1002 Federal Receipts	1,872.9	2,110.3	2,084.0	2,354.9	2,661.1	3,007.0
1003 GF Match	1,259.1	1,418.7	1,903.8	2,151.3	2,430.9	2,746.9
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (please specify)						
TOTAL	3,132.0	3,529.0	3,987.8	4,506.2	5,092.0	5,753.9

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: \$0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill eliminates funding for abortions for low income women by placing abortion procedures at the top of the priority list of services AS 47.25.205. All services numbered 1 through 7 have not been funded under General Relief Medical Assistance since 1986. This fiscal note assumes that 35% of the pregnant women eligible for Medicaid would give birth and remain on Medicaid should abortion funding become unavailable. This would account for 295 women, and their children, being added to the Medicaid Program annually (newborns receive automatic Medicaid coverage through their first year of life if the mother is receiving Medicaid at the time of birth). Two studies done in the State of Texas following elimination of state funding for abortion found that 40 and 35% of the women went on to give birth to babies when funding was unavailable. Although another study has shown that the rate could be as low as 20%, the department assumes that the higher percentage would be more accurate for Alaska because the cost of obtaining an abortion is higher due to the need for transportation services; while an abortion averages \$250 in the lower 48 states, the FY 97 Alaska experience is an average cost of \$601 largely due to the need to fly to another community to receive the service. This fiscal note shows the higher match rate for Alaska for FY 99-00, with a reduced federal match of 52.26% for following years.

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BILL NO. SB181

Revision Date: _____
 Title: relating to assistance for abortions under
the general relief medical program
 Sponsor: Ward
 Requestor: Senate (HES)

Dept. Affected: Health and Social Services
 BRU: Public Assistance
 Component: ATAP
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 220
 See also (SN#): _____

Expenditures/Revenues:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGES IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	360.2	360.2	360.2	360.2	360.2	360.2
1003 GF Match	360.2	360.2	360.2	360.2	360.2	360.2
1004 GF						
1015 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (please specify)						
TOTAL	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4	720.4

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: \$0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation eliminates funding for the termination of pregnancies and related services. Elimination of funding for this medical services will add children and/or families to the Temporary Assistance program.

The Division of Medical Assistance projects that 285 women eligible for Medicaid would give birth and remain Medicaid eligible should abortion funding become unavailable. The Division of Public Assistance estimates that, on average, 100 of these women and their dependents will be on-going recipients of Temporary Assistance and an additional 88 women and their dependent(s) will apply for and be found eligible for Temporary Assistance.

This fiscal note only identifies expenditures associated with monthly ATAP cash grants, it is anticipated that there will be additional costs associated with providing welfare to work and supportive services to these families.

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