

SJR

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SJR 37 Sponsor Statement

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to officers and employees of the executive branch.

The State of Alaska is facing a billion dollar deficit and unfortunately the constitutional budget reserve fund cannot fill the gap. Revenue officials project it will be drained by July 2004 if the proposed fiscal year 2003 budget is funded. This budget includes an increase of 858 full-time state positions from the current fiscal year with a price tag of \$115 million.

In the face of such an enormous budget deficit, state spending must be reduced. The most logical first step you take when you have a fiscal problem is a hiring freeze. It will be impossible for the state to sustain such an increase in state employees. A hiring freeze will reduce the number of state positions through attrition, a much better solution than forced layoffs a year down the road.

The passage of SJR 37 will put this resolution to a vote of the people and if approved, will amend the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SJR 37
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: COG
 Title: Constitutional amendment BRU: Elections
officers/employees of the executive branch Component: Elections
 Sponsor: Senator Kelly
 Requester: Senate State Affairs Component No. 21

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	1.5					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	1.5					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This figure includes the cost of providing information about this issue in the Official Election Pamphlet, as required by AS 15.58. If this measure requires the printing of an 8-1/2 by 18 inch ballot, the cost will increase by \$22.0.

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