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By adding the word “grandparent” to the language, the family will be able to provide care for them in their final days without being penalized by the state. Grandparents have provided the wisdom and the knowledge of the family for years. They have passed that along to their children and represent the last living relatives who truly know a family’s heritage. We as siblings owe much to our grandparents, but by the nature of their age they are the most common members of any family to be facing a terminal illness.

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
 Title Permanent Fund Allowable Absences BRU Revenue Operations
 Component Permanent Fund Dividend
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 Requester House State Affairs Committee Component No. 981

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	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						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type-Do not abbreviate)						
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Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
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POSITIONS

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Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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The Permanent Fund Dividend Division generally accepts a doctor's statement in determining if the relative is terminally ill and does not substitute its judgment for that of a health care professional.

The addition of one more allowable absence to the dividend program will not impact the budget of the division, nor is it expected to have a measurable effect on the amount of the annual dividend.

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