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Dept. Affected: Commerce
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Component Occupational Licensing
Sponsor Seekins
Requester Senate Labor and Commerce
Component No. 2360

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0					

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0.0					
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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 1156 - Receipt Supported Services						
TOTAL	0.0					

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation establishes in the legislative branch a Task Force on Naturopathic Scope of Practice. The Task Force is terminated on February 1, 2006. New funds are not required by the department to implement this bill.

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Senate Bill 42 Sponsor Statement

“An Act extending the reporting date for and the termination date of the Task Force on Naturopathic Scope of Practice.”

During the 23rd Legislative session SB 306 established a task force to examine various elements and aspects relating to naturopathic physicians’ scope of practice. By statute the task force was charged with addressing:

1. comparable educational and training levels of naturopaths and medical doctors;
2. the use of legend or prescription drugs by naturopaths with respect to scope of practice;
3. non-pharmacological treatments by naturopaths including minor surgery;
4. collaborative protocols and agreements between naturopaths and medical doctors;
5. joint liability issues between collaborating practitioners; and,
6. other issues of relevance.

SB 306 established that the task force would consist of nine voting members. These are as follows:

1. Alex Malter, MD representing the Alaska State Medical Association;
2. Richard Holm, RPh representing the Alaska Pharmacist Association;
3. Robert Breifeilh, MD representing the Alaska State Medical Board;
4. Cathy Giessel, MSN FNP-CS representing Nurse Practitioners;
5. Jason Harmon, ND representing licensed Naturopaths;
6. Scott Luper, ND representing licensed Naturopaths;
7. Rick Urion, Director of the Division of Occupational Licensing;
8. Lesil McGuire, Alaska State Representative for District 28; and,
9. Ralph Seekins, Alaska State Senator for District D.

The task force was unable to complete its business within the time parameters specified in SB 306. Consequently, SB 42 extends the task force’s charge into 2005. In fact, SB 42 is identical to the previous bill except for the report and termination dates which have been changed to December 1, 2005 and February 1, 2006, respectively.