

**SB**

**42**



# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Bill Version: SB 42  
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction):  
 Title Naturopathic Medicine Task Force  
 Dept. Affected: Commerce  
 RDU Occupational Licensing (117)  
 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						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>					

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>	<b>0.0</b>					
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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						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>					

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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## MEMORANDUM

Date: February 14, 2005

To: Office of Representative Wilson

From: Senator Ralph Seekins

Re: Request for Hearing of SB 42

*AS for BS*

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Attached please find Senate Bill 42 along with a concomitant sponsor statement and zero fiscal note.

Senate Bill 42 extends the reporting & termination dates for a task force gathered to study naturopathic scope of practice issues. This bill, known as SB 306, was passed during the 23<sup>rd</sup> Legislature. The task force was unable to complete its work within the time frame provided for in SB 306. Therefore SB 42 simply extends the time allowed for completion.

I respectfully request this bill be scheduled in the Health, Education and Social Services Committee at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Breffeilh, 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.