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Sponsor WEYHRAUCH
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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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 (0)						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: _____

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Sponsor Statement for House Bill 442

Passage of the Health Care Decisions Act ("Alaska Act") in 2004, was an important step forward in modernizing and improving Alaska's health care laws for the terminally ill, their families, and loved ones. House Bill 442 makes minor changes to the Alaska Act in order to provide clearer direction to those implementing health care decisions.

Current law imposes a duty of investigation upon doctors when carrying out the health care directives of their patients. House Bill 442 amends the current statute to conform the language in the Alaska Act to Uniform Act language, thus requiring a doctor to act in "good faith" when time is often critical for their patients. The bill also substitutes the word "physician" for "attending physician", to clarify the intent that all physicians treating a patient adhere to the patient's advanced health care directives. Finally, House Bill 442 clarifies when CPR may be used, addresses the validity of orders from other jurisdictions, and indicates under what circumstances a Do Not Resuscitate order may be revoked.

The Health Care Decisions Act has been beneficial and important for all Alaskans in letting terminally ill patients have their wishes heard. House Bill 442 helps caregivers carry out those wishes.

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