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## Alaska State Legislature | District 40

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## Sponsor Statement

### HB 138 March: Sobriety Awareness Month

House Bill 138 seeks to have the State of Alaska recognize March as Sobriety Awareness Month. The purpose of Sobriety Awareness Month is to call attention to Alaska's aggregate population of citizens, who practice a positive and healthy non-consumer lifestyle of any mood/mind altering substances. Sobriety Awareness Month is an opportunity for schools, community groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the existence of all Alaska's citizenry, who by virtue of their freely chosen lifestyle, serve as Living-Examples-To-The-Truth (LETTT) that life can be lived and enjoyed without having to consume mood/mind altering substances.

Individuals that lead a sober life are an asset to Alaska in that they can help reduce the incidence of alcohol or drug related social ills such as crime, domestic violence, and child abuse & neglect.

Please join me in support of recognizing this valuable group of Alaskans and their lifestyle.

*For any questions on HB 138, please contact my staff Forrest Wolfe at 465.6835 or [forrest.wolfe@akleg.gov](mailto:forrest.wolfe@akleg.gov)*

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 138  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier: HB138-DHSS-BHA-3-3-17  
Title: MARCH: SOBRIETY AWARENESS MONTH  
Sponsor: WESTLAKE  
Requester: (H) Health and Social Services

Department: Department of Health and Social Services  
Appropriation: Behavioral Health  
Allocation: Behavioral Health Administration  
OMB Component Number: 2665

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable; initial version.

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Approved By: <u>Shawnda O'Brien, Asst. Commissioner</u>	Date: <u>03/03/17</u>
Agency: <u>Health and Social Services</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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**Analysis**

HB 138, Version D, establishes the month of March as Sobriety Awareness Month in AS. 44.12 by adding a new section, that being AS 44.12.150. Establishing the month in statute allows for permanency of the designation, providing opportunities for the public and private sectors to reliably engage in activities to raise citizen awareness of the importance of sobriety and the sobriety movement.

The bill does not impact the department's programs or budget, therefore a zero fiscal note is submitted.

**Chapter 47.37 UNIFORM ALCOHOLISM AND INTOXICATION TREATMENT ACT****Sec. 47.37.010. Declaration of policy.**

It is the policy of the state to recognize, appreciate, and reinforce the example set by its citizens who lead, believe in, and support a life of sobriety. It is also the policy of the state that alcoholics and intoxicated persons should not be criminally prosecuted for their consumption of alcoholic beverages and that they should be afforded a continuum of treatment that can introduce them to, and help them learn, new life skills and social skills that would be useful to them in attaining and maintaining normal lives as productive members of society.