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Governor Bill Walker
STATE OF ALASKA

March 9, 2017

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to an extension of my February 14, 2017 Declaration of Disaster Emergency.

This administration has been working as a coordinated team to identify the extent of drug abuse and overdose dangers facing our state. In recent years, opioid abuse has rapidly expanded across the state. This is a dangerous trend that affects our communities and the lives of many Alaskans. Drug overdose deaths are a serious public health concern, which warrants the designation of a public health disaster emergency. This emergency exists statewide and affects all levels of society.

Therefore, on February 14, 2017, I made a declaration of disaster emergency under AS 26.23.020 that authorized the Commissioner and the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Services to coordinate a response. This response includes establishing a statewide overdose response program and a statewide medical standing order allowing local and regional overdose response programs, healthcare officials, first responders, and the general public to have the ability to directly dispense and administer the lifesaving drug naloxone. Since the declaration, we have made significant progress in the distribution of resources to combat this epidemic, including kits containing opioid overdose drugs. By extending the declaration of emergency under AS 26.23.020, we continue to assure dispensation of opioid overdose resources under a statewide standing medical order.

This is only one part in fighting this battle and we must continue to seek all available tools to address this epidemic. Therefore, I submit this bill to extend the declaration of disaster emergency issued February 14, 2017 until February 14, 2018.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Walker".

Bill Walker
Governor



THE STATE
of **ALASKA**
GOVERNOR BILL WALKER

Department of
Health and Social Services

House Bill 174 Sectional Analysis

Prepared by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services

March 10, 2017

HB 174, "Extend Disaster Emergency: Opioid Epidemic"

Sectional Analysis:

Sec. 1 includes findings on the extent of the public health threat; acknowledgement and description of the Governor's disaster declaration; and the need for the legislature to extend the declaration to address the epidemic.

Sec. 2 extends the February 14, 2017, disaster declaration for one year to February 14, 2018.

Sec. 3 makes the effective date retroactive to March 15, 2017, when the disaster declaration expires.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 174
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: DHSS-PHAS-03-09-17
Title: EXTEND DISASTER EMERGENCY:OPIOID
EPIDEMIC
Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
Requester: (H) HSS

Department: Department of Health and Social Services
Appropriation: Public Health
Allocation: Public Health Administrative Services
OMB Component Number: 292

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
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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:	Shawnda O'Brien, Asst. Commissioner	Date:	03/09/17
Agency:	Health and Social Services		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill extends through February 14, 2018, Governor Walker's disaster declaration of February 14, 2017, related to the opioid epidemic. A disaster declaration made under AS 26.23.020, *The governor and disaster emergencies*, may not remain in effect unless extended by the Legislature. The declaration authorizes the Department of Health and Social Services, through the Commissioner and the State Medical Officer, to lead and coordinate the heroin and opioid response.

This is a zero fiscal note. The \$4.1 million cost estimate for this disaster event is funded through current federal grants. The estimated cost does not require a state general fund appropriation. Regularly appropriated funds will continue to be spent on this disaster. No state general funds will be used from the Disaster Relief Fund balance nor will a supplemental appropriation be required.