

Fiscal Note

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Title: TEACHER/STATE EMPLOYEE STUDENT LOAN
PRGRM
Sponsor: STORY
Requester: (H) Education

Department: Department of Education and Early Development
Appropriation: Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
Allocation: Program Administration & Operations
OMB Component Number: 2738

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2026 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2026 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2026	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Personal Services	39.0		29.6	29.6			
Travel							
Services	6.0			10.0			
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits	1,000.0		1,000.0	1,000.0			
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	1,045.0	0.0	1,029.6	1,039.6	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1226 High Ed (DGF)	1,045.0		1,029.6	1,039.6			
Total	1,045.0	0.0	1,029.6	1,039.6	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 (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/26

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB 28 creates a new student loan repayment three-year pilot program to provide a monetary incentive for Alaskans who now reside outside of Alaska to return home and teach or work in State public service positions and establishes eligibility criteria. A grant may be awarded to a person employed as a full-time certificated teacher in a public school upon completion of the person's contract term or to an individual employed as a full-time employee of the State of Alaska, upon their merit anniversary date. The grant may be distributed each year for a maximum of three years to repay an outstanding student loan for a degree or certificate program located outside the state or from the University of Alaska. If the student loan totals \$24,000 or more, the person is eligible for a grant of \$8,000 each year or if the outstanding student loan totals less than \$24,000, the person is eligible for a grant of one third of the outstanding student loan balance.

Up to 125 grants may be awarded each fiscal year not to exceed \$1,000.0 per fiscal year for a total of \$3,000.0 over three years.

Additional administrative costs associated with the new program include:

Personal Services	\$39.0 FY2026 for one third of a full-time range 16 staff to implement program, develop communication and application materials, provide data research to identify and target Alaskans out of state and administer the program; \$29.6 FY2027 and FY2028 one fourth of a full-time range 16 staff to administer the program and provide required reporting on the program.
Services	\$6.0 FY2026 for promulgating new regulations; \$10.0 FY2028 for required evaluation of the program.