



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** S. 0637 Introduced on May 1, 2025  
**Subject:** Alzheimer's Disease  
**Requestor:** Senate Medical Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Boggs  
**Impact Date:** April 6, 2026 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies that data to develop the statewide plan to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias must be utilized from the Alzheimer's Disease Registry, which must be funded through the annual General Appropriations Act.

The Department of Aging (Aging), which houses the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Resource Coordination Center and is responsible for convening the advisory council to update the statewide plan to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, anticipates this bill will have no fiscal impact on the agency since the bill does not alter the responsibilities of the agency.

Currently, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) contracts with the University of South Carolina (USC) to fund the registry along with the Dementia Dialogues program. The registry is produced by USC, through the Office for the Study of Aging (OSA) in the Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH), with data provided by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA). Currently, USC uses the funds provided by DHHS and certifies that they have incurred Medicaid eligible administrative expenses when producing the registry, which then allows DHHS to draw down a federal match. USC expressed concern that this bill could alter the entity responsible for providing the state share of funding, which could place the federal match authorized under 42 CFR 433.51(b) at risk. Therefore, the fiscal impact of this bill on DHHS and USC is undetermined.

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### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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#### State Expenditure

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**State Revenue**

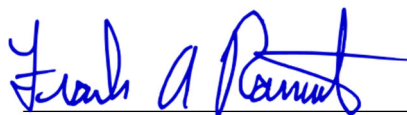
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**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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