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Title	An Act relating to distribution of annual reports by state agencies.	Appropriation	_____
Sponsor	Johansen	Allocation	_____
Requester	House State Affairs	OMB Component Number	_____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13					
Personal Services	***	***	***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	***	***	***	***	***	***	***

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		***	***	***	***	***	***

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs _____ (separate supplemental appropriation required,
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs _____ (separate capital appropriation required,
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

This note was updated to reflect the Committee Substitute from House State Affairs.

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Analysis

This Legislation requires that reports for all state agencies may only be made available electronically. An agency may not produce printed copies of reports except as required under AS 14.56.120, by agreement, by federal law, or approved by the commissioner of the department. A person may obtain a print copy of a report from the state library distribution and data access center.

In preparing this fiscal note, the following types of documents were not included since they are not considered reports: Brochures, handouts, flyers, advertisements, action plans, regulations (i.e. fishing and hunting), manuals (i.e. student manuals, driver manuals), and newsletters.

This legislation will overall result in a cost savings to the state, but the extent of the savings is inconclusive. The estimated cost for printing state agency reports is estimated at \$350,000 statewide. Several departments currently distribute reports only electronically and do not realize contracted printing costs. These include the Department of Law, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Alaska Court System. Most Departments already post reports as PDF documents on their websites. Other agencies, such as the Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct, send notifications informing the public that their reports can be downloaded from their website and that a report will only be sent to them if requested.

This note is indeterminate because it is unknown how many reports will still be printed and distributed under section (a) of the bill. If commissioners choose to continue to print and distribute reports, or if federal or state law requires the printing and distribution of reports, then the savings to agencies could be minimal. If, on the other hand, this legislation is fully implemented by every agency, the cost savings statewide could be closer to \$350,000 annually.

Under section (a), AS 14.56.120 requires each state agency to provide at least four copies of each of its publications to the state library and data distribution center. Additional copies of each publication may be requested by the center for deposit in quantities necessary to meet the needs of the depository library system and to provide inter-library service to those libraries not having depository status. This requirement will continue to be a cost to agencies.

Also, if a person wants a printed copy of a report, they can obtain a copy from the state library and data distribution center. This could significantly increase the cost for printing for the state library. Based on this information, the fiscal note is indeterminate.