

Fiscal Note

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Title: TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INTERNET PRIVACY

Sponsor: DRUMMOND

Requester: House Labor & Commerce

Department: Department of Law

Appropriation: Civil Division

Allocation: Commercial and Fair Business

OMB Component Number: 2717

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
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 (FY2018) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

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

This bill would add a new statute, AS 45.48.800, approval required for information disclosure, to AS 45.48 (personal information protection act). If a telecommunications service or internet service provider has entered into certain types of agreements with a state or a municipality, or that uses facilities that are subject to those agreements, the provider (even if not a party to the agreements) may not collect personal information from a customer resulting from the customer's use of the telecommunications service or Internet service without written consent of the consumer.

A violation of AS 45.48.800 would be an unlawful unfair or deceptive act or practice in the conduct of trade or business. The Attorney General is authorized under current law to investigate deceptive trade practices. Also under current law, a person may bring a private action for relief and damages caused by an unlawful act or practice.

The Department of Law currently receives approximately 450 consumer complaints annually alleging unfair or deceptive practices. Of those, approximately 30 complaints or 7% relate to internet transactions or telecommunication services. The department cannot be certain whether the number of complaints the department receives would increase significantly should this bill become law, however, the department anticipates being able to continue to allocate its resources for consumer protection duties within existing staffing levels. Therefore, the department does not expect a fiscal impact if the bill becomes law.