

FISCAL NOTE

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 Title Natural Gas RDU Regulatory Commission of Alaska (399)
 Component Regulatory Commission of Alaska
 Sponsor Hawker, Chenault
 Requester House Labor & Commerce Component Number 2417

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

| | Appropriation Required | | Information | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | FY 2011 | FY 2011 | FY 2012 | FY 2013 | FY 2014 | FY 2015 | FY 2016 |
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Travel | | | | | | | |
| Contractual | | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | |
| CHANGE IN REVENUES () | | | | | | | |

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

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|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | | |
| 1037 GF/Mental Health | | | | | | | |
| Other Interagency Receipts | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

| | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time | | | | | | | |
| Part-time | | | | | | | |
| Temporary | | | | | | | |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The proposed legislation would provide financial incentives for natural gas storage facilities and for exploration in the Cook Inlet basin, and provide general guidance to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) on natural gas pricing. Statutes governing the general powers and duties of the RCA would be revised to require the RCA, when considering whether approval of a natural gas supply contract is in the public interest, to (1) recognize the public benefits of a utility's ability to negotiate different pricing mechanisms with different suppliers and maintain a diversified portfolio of gas supply contracts to protect customers from the risks of inadequate supply or excessive costs that may arise from a single pricing mechanism, and (2) consider whether the utility could meet its responsibility to the public in a timely manner should the rate of gas supply contract not be approved.
 (ANALYSIS CONTINUED)

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

This legislation would require that certain factors be recognized or considered when the RCA determines whether to approve natural gas supply contracts. The RCA expects to implement the provisions of this legislation with existing resources. The RCA can incorporate this review into the existing review process for natural gas supply contracts.