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Title: REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA
Sponsor: WILSON
Requester: (H) Special Committee on Energy Labor & Commerce

Department: Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Appropriation: Regulatory Commission of Alaska
Allocation: Regulatory Commission of Alaska
OMB Component Number: 2417

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services	***		***	***	***	***	***
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	***	0.0	***	***	***	***	***

Positions

Full-time	***		***	***	***	***	***
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues	***		***	***	***	***	***
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

HB078 fundamentally changes the role of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) in electric energy and capacity purchases for the explicit purpose of encouraging utility energy purchases from qualifying facilities and independent power producers.

Specifically, HB078:

- changes the general policy guidance to the RCA in AS 42.05.141 to emphasize the state energy policy and promotion of “competitive procurement and market-driven development” of energy resources.
- shortens by half the timeline for the RCA to issue a final order in a regulations docket, allowing 365 days instead of the current 730 days.
- requires the RCA's annual report to include all certificated (both regulated and unregulated) electric utility avoided costs.
- requires the RCA to review all new or revised tariff filings, in their entirety, for compliance with the state energy policy. This provision is not limited to filings by electric utilities or filings unrelated to an energy purchase or sale.
- extends policy direction to the RCA to include communities and utilities that are currently not within the RCA’s jurisdiction.

The fiscal impact of this legislation to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska is indeterminate at this time.