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Administrative Regulation Review

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You asked how many Administrative Regulation Review Committee meetings have been held in the past ten years. Additionally, you wished to know if any regulations were overturned as a result of these meetings.

The Administrative Regulation Review Committee (ARRC) is made up of six members, three from the senate and three from the house. From 2003 until the present—the 23rd Legislature through the first session of the 29th Legislature—the ARRC has met 30 times.¹ It is notable that 15 of these meetings occurred during the 28th legislature alone. In no other legislature did the committee meet more than five times. We disaggregate these data in the table below.

No regulations were overturned as a result of these ARRC meetings. While AS 24.20.445 provides that the committee can suspend regulations for a certain time period, the Alaska Supreme Court found in the 1980 case *State v. A.L.I.V.E. Voluntary*, 606 P.2d 769, that the legislature has no implied general power to veto agency regulations by informal legislative action, and that such actions would violate article II of the state constitution.² Pursuant to AS 24.20.460, the ARRC can, among other things, introduce bills that would enact a statute to supersede or nullify a regulation; however, in reviewing the legislature's Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (BASIS), we found no such efforts put forward by the ARRC from 2003 to the present.³

Administrative Regulation Review Committee Meetings, 2003-2015		
Legislature	Number of Meetings	Committee Chairs
23rd (2003-2004)	2	Senator Therriault
24th (2005-2006)	5	Representative Anderson
25th (2007-2008)	2	Senator McGuire
26th (2009-2010)	4	Representative Keller
27th (2011-2012)	2	Senator French
28th (2013-2014)	15	Representative Reinbold
29th (2015)	0	Senator McGuire
Total	30	
Source: Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (BASIS), Alaska State Legislature.		

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

¹ Information from the Bill Action and Status Inquiry System (BASIS), Alaska Legislature.

² More information on this case is available at <http://law.justia.com/cases/alaska/supreme-court/1980/3670-1.html>.

³ It is possible that individual committee members may have put forth measures related to regulations.