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To: Helen Phillips
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Please add to HB 68.

Thanks

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Cc: Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB 68 Questions

Good afternoon, House Finance committee members:

Representative Kreiss-Tomkins asked me to provide responses to several issues that came up in House Finance concerning HB 68, the bill that pertains to electronic distribution of reports. Please see below for further answers and context.

Can the governor and the lieutenant governor dictate that reports still be printed? Do they count as the heads of state agencies?

I consulted with Cori Mills, Assistant Attorney General; Alan Birnbaum, Chief Assistant Attorney General; and Emily Nauman, attorney with Leg Legal. All three agreed that the bill as written allows both the Governor and the Lt. Governor to dictate whether a report originating within their administrative units (the Governor's office, the Lt. Governor's office) should still be printed.

Page 3, line 14-15 specifies that reports can be approved for printing by the head of a state agency or the head's designee. Page 4 line 4-5 defines state agency to include an "administrative unit of the executive branch of state government." All three lawyers said they felt confident this language included the Office of the Governor and Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Where do the five physical copies of the reports go?

The Alaska Library keeps one on file and one for circulation (two total). One goes to ARLIS, the Alaska Research Library Information Services center (located in Anchorage), one goes to the Library of Congress, and one goes to the UA system.

How are the fees for requesting copies of paper reports currently assessed, and how would that change under HB 68? How much information can people get for free?

Currently, by calling the State Library Access and Data Center, any Alaskan can request photocopied or printed copies of agency reports. In statute, the library is given the task of establishing an appropriate fee system. In regulation, the fee structure is set at 10 cents per page per photo copy for self-service, and 10 cents per page plus \$20 per hour for photocopying by division personnel, with the exception that per-hour-fee does not apply for the first 10 photocopies (fees for more non-traditional reproductions, such as photographic reproductions, CD's, or microfilm cost more, and are not covered under this bill). In short: ten free pages, with fees levied after. In addition, it's written into statute that the director can choose to waive the fees in whole or in part at their discretion, if it's in the public interest.

Under the new language of HB 68, the fee structure would change. It would make the first 5 full copies of a report available for free per day. It would then allow the same fee structure to be levied to prevent misuse of library resources.

How user friendly and searchable is the Online Public Notice System? How does it work?

The Alaska Online Public Notice System works as a digital repository for government reports for everything from construction bids to public notices to legal opinions. Anyone can use it to search for reports using a number of criteria: department, location, and category (including regulations, reports, public notices, executive orders, attorney opinions, etc), and date.

It also provides for a tree structure browsing option that allows the user to click through departments instead of doing blind searches. The system allows the user to save searches and to "favorite" items that they would like to come back to.

What will no more contracting out for graphic design and photography work do to reports?

Before: <http://bit.ly/1AM0NEK>

After: <http://1.usa.gov/1I2Lr3v>

Aesthetically uninspiring. Fiscally great.

If there are more questions, feel free to send them over and I'll do my best to dispatch them.

Thanks!

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