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HB 351

"An Act relating to adoption of regulations; and providing for an effective date."

Alaska has one of the strictest and most costly regulatory environments in the country. Over burdensome regulations can strangle small business and the potential for economic growth while increasing the cost of government.

Passage of HB 351 seeks to limit the introduction of new regulations by state agencies by requiring them to repeal one or more existing regulations after their creation. The cost of the new regulation must be less than or equal to the cost of the repealed regulation or regulations, as determined by the commissioner of the department or the commission or board adopting the regulation.

Excessive regulation can limit individual effort and discourage the private sector from expansion. In government the mistake is often made to judge regulations by their intentions rather than their results. This legislation is one simple step forward in creating an Alaskan economy friendlier to job growth.