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North to the Future

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Senate Bill 36 **Electronic Distribution of Reports/Notices** **Sponsor Statement**

SB 36 moves the posting of public notices into the modern age by allowing municipalities the option of publishing its notices electronically.

It also mandates that statutorily required reports from state agencies be posted and distributed electronically on the Alaska Online Public Notice System instead of being printed. In this day and age with Alaska being one of the most digitally connected states in the nation, we believe this legislation will increase public awareness of state agency actions and increase access for its citizens.

Having the reports posted on a website and accessible in one location will show a comprehensive list of up-to-date reports and documents, all on a convenient and user-friendly site.

In a time when the state is tightening its budget, the use of this modern and widely accepted technology will save us money and reduce the amount of paper usage. In 2014, the estimated savings to the state was estimated to be \$530,349 dollars by issuing state-mandated reports on line rather than in paper form.

Please join me in implementing these cost-saving measures by supporting SB 36.

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