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Title: RCA REGULATE NATURAL GAS STORAGE
FACILITY
Sponsor: GIESSEL
Requester: (S) Resources

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)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No
(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 06/30/26

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) regulates public utilities, including entities owning, operating, managing, or controlling any plant, pipeline, or service for furnishing liquified natural gas storage service or natural gas storage service. This bill changes the current exemptions to require RCA regulatory oversight of natural gas storage service and liquified natural gas storage services even if the storage facility is part of a pipeline facility operated by a pipeline carrier or a natural gas pipeline facility operated by a natural gas pipeline carrier.

Passage of this bill would require the RCA to: (1) process certificate applications for pipeline carriers and natural gas pipeline carriers with storage facilities that are part of an in-state pipeline facility operated by the carrier, (2) review and approve periodic tariff filings by these carriers to implement or revise terms and rates for natural gas storage service, including charges for reserving or utilizing capacity in storage facility and for injecting or withdrawing stored natural gas or liquified natural gas, and (3) review and approve tariff filings by regulated electric and natural gas utilities requesting to recover the costs of using the storage service through their cost of power or gas cost adjustment. The RCA will review the impacts of this legislation on regulation and certificate application forms and make amendments as needed.

The above costs will be absorbed within the Regulatory Commission of Alaska's existing budgeted authority. There are no additional fiscal impacts anticipated from this legislation.