

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB016-DCCED-RCA-02-13-26
Title: REFUSE UTILITY REGULATIONS
Sponsor: MYERS
Requester: (S) LABOR & COMMERCE

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)

	FY2027 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2027 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0							

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/28

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

SB 16 adds language mandating that the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) adopt regulations implementing a simplified rate filing (SRF) procedure for refuse utilities (adding to similar requirements as AS 42.05.381(e) for electric cooperatives and local telephone utilities), with RCA regulations ensuring sufficient public notice to ratepayers and an opportunity to comment on a simplified rate filing by a refuse utility.

RCA regulations dockets must be completed within 730 days of the issuance of an order commencing the regulations docket (AS 42.05.175(e) requires the RCA to complete regulations dockets within 730 days from the initiating order). This legislation proposes an immediate effective date. Should this bill pass this legislative session, the RCA would commence a regulations docket shortly thereafter (the estimated completion date for *Associated Regulations* is based on a July 1, 2026, date for an initiating order).

The RCA expects to implement the provisions of this legislation with existing resources.