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Identifier: HB169CS(L&C)-DCCED-RCA-01-21-14
Title: RCA REGULATION OF TELEPHONE
DIRECTORIES
Sponsor: OLSON
Requester: Labor and Commerce Committee

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)

	FY2015	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2015 Request	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
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							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0

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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/16

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Updated for 2014 legislative session. Changes date by which the RCA would adopt, amend, or repeal regulations from 2015 to 2016.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS #2

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Analysis

HB 169 amends AS 42.05.145, a statutory section dealing with telecommunications regulation policy, by adding subsections (b) and (c), which when read together provide that the Regulatory Commission of Alaska will no longer have authority to regulate either the production or distribution of telephone directories in commission-designated competitive local exchange markets. A "competitive local exchange market" is defined in regulation (3 AAC 53.205) as "a local exchange or a group of local exchanges within one certificated service area where multiple unaffiliated telecommunications providers are certificated to provide local exchange service." Currently, the Commission has designated several local exchanges as competitive. Commission designation of competitive local exchange markets include by way of example the telecommunications markets in Fairbanks, the Mat-Su area, Anchorage, Seward/Moose Pass, and Juneau.

HB169 would leave to local exchange carriers operating in competitive markets the right to decide whether to publish telephone directories, what to include in them, whether to distribute free or at cost, and under what terms and conditions they will be available. Decisions about telephone directories would then be management decisions influenced by market conditions. Customers of wireline telephone service providers should expect to see changes in the availability and content of telephone directories.

Regulation revisions would be necessary to delete or revise a provision of regulation that now exists (3 AAC 52.250. Directories). This regulations project would not require an increase in staffing levels.

The July 1, 2016 date by which the RCA would adopt, amend, or repeal regulations is an estimated date. In accordance with AS 42.05.175(e), the RCA would work to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations no later than 730 days after a rule-making proceeding is initiated.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska from this bill.