

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2015 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 36  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: SB036-OOG-OMB-2-9-15  
Title: ELECTRONIC DISTRIB. OF REPORTS/NOTICES  
Sponsor: GIESSEL  
Requester: Senate State Affairs

Department: Various (for Fiscal Notes only)  
Appropriation: Various  
Allocation: Executive Branch  
OMB Component Number: 0

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost:** 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)  
(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? No  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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BILL NO. SB 36

### Analysis

This legislation does the following:

1. Allows a municipality, by ordinance, to provide for electronic publication by posting the notice for three consecutive weeks on a municipal Internet website, instead of newspaper publication. This section has no fiscal impact for state agencies.

2. Requires that state agencies that produce and distribute reports, post these reports on the state's Online Public Notice Website. An agency may not produce print copies of reports except as required

(A) under AS 14.56.120;

(B) by agreement; or

(C) by federal law; or

Requested under AS 44.99.260 or specifically approved by the head of the agency.

In preparing this fiscal note, the definition of "report" was used as defined in section 2 of the bill. A report is defined as an official document that a state agency is required by law to prepare and distribute to the Legislature or the public without a specific request.

This bill results in no cost to the state. This legislation will, overall, result in a cumulative cost savings to the state, but the extent of the savings is inconclusive. The annual cost for printing state agency reports is estimated at \$450,000 statewide. Many state agencies currently distribute reports electronically when possible, and do not realize contracted printing costs. Also, the bill allows the head of a state agency to approve the printing and distribution of reports. It is unknown how many heads of state agencies or how many reports, or quantity of reports, may be printed as a result. Also, if persons want a printed copy of a report, they can obtain a copy from the State Library Distribution and Data Access Center. The additional requests that libraries may receive for printed reports and the cost to libraries of fulfilling those requests is unknown.

This bill will most likely result in a cost savings, however the extent to which the savings is realized is inconclusive.