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Sponsor Statement for HB 187 – Version W

HB 187 in its current form, is intended to conserve resources expended in the production, processing, transportation, distribution storage and disposal of excess state agency publications.

The products affected by HB 187 are publications as defined in AS 44.99.240.

As currently written in statute, AS 44.99.220 requires state agencies to compile and maintain a list of the publications that they produce each fiscal year. This bill would ensure that the state is receiving added value from work that is already being done, by using the list as opportunity to assess the actual need for each document and to determine if the people of Alaska will be best served by printing or by digital delivery.

HB 187 also provides for the reduction in statutory requirements to produce publications, through changes made to AS 37.07.220. These changes will require that the governor submit a bill to eliminate or modify requirements for publications deemed to be outdated, duplicative or excessive, or could be consolidated with other publications, and which of those could be delivered in electronic form.

Time, energy, space, and materials can be all be conserved by the passage of HB 187.