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# CS SB 25 (FIN) (VERSION W) SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

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## Section 1

Names the act “The Alaska Online Checkbook Act.”

## Section 2

Provides intent language of the bill. Stating that The Alaska Online Checkbook Act is intended to allow people of the state to identify and discover state revenue and expenditures, be construed in favor of disclosure and transparency. The state should strive to create an Internet website that is user friendly, that allows a member of the public to easily understand all state financial information, and that allows a member of the public to view all state financial information in a centralized location.

## Section 3

Requires that the Department of Administration to make the financial transactions of the state and the annual audit available electronically for use in the public finance internet website.

## Section 4

**AS 37.05.215 (a)** – Requires the Department of Administration to develop operate and maintain a searchable Internet website that is accessible to the public at no cost that provides financial information available from the central accounting system or the annual financial report.

**AS 37.05.215 (a) (1)-(3)** – States that the following information be updated on a monthly basis to the online check book website:

Unaudited State Revenue including:

- A receipt or deposit by a state agency into a fund or account established within the state treasury.

- Proceeds from taxes received, categorized by source type, including a compulsory contribution imposed by the state for the purpose of financing services.
- Agency earnings including amounts collected for sales or services, licenses or permits issued, or otherwise received by an agency.
- Revenue received for the use of state money or property including interest and lease payments Gifts, donations and federal receipts and other revenue.

Unaudited Expenditures including:

- The name and location of any person to whom payment was made.
- The amount of the expenditure disbursed.
- The type of transaction, by account code, including the purpose of the expenditure.
- Other information specified by the department.

The estimated balance of the following state accounts:

- Statutory Budget Reserve.
- Constitutional Budget Reserve.
- Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve Account.

**AS 37.05.215 (a) (4)-(7)** – States that the following information be updated on a monthly basis to the online check book website:

The amount deposited into the Permanent Fund from all mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payments and bonuses received by the State.

State revenue and expenditures, summarized by:

General fund revenue sources.

- General fund expenditures categorized by function.
- General fund expenditures categorized by department.
- General fund expenditures categorized by account.
- Total general fund revenue versus expenditures.

Total assets versus liabilities at the end of the fiscal year.

For the preceding 10 years, by fiscal year the following:

- The number of state employees by department.
- The number of independent contractors engaged by the state by department.
- The total long-term debt owed by the state.
- Total general fund expenditures.

- al general fund payroll by department.

**AS 37.05.215 (b)** – Describes the reporting requirements for AS 37.05.215 (a) (1) – (7).

**AS 37.05.215 (c)(1)** – Requires that the website have reference materials to assist the public in understanding the financial provided on the website.

**AS 37.05.215 (c)(2)** – Requires the website have a feature that allows users to search for information on the website by keyword and recipient.

**AS 37.05.215 (c)(3)** – Requires the site to have a link to the Internet website of the legislative audit division. The site must also include electronic copies of information related to state service procurement contracts, including compensation and contract length and of information related to independent contractors engaged by the state, by state agency, including compensation and 6 contract length.

**AS 37.05.215 (d)** – Requires that Department of Revenue and other state agencies that use the central accounting system provide information to the Department of Administration that is necessary to comply with this act.

**AS 37.05.215 (e)** – Disclaims an effect of creating an Internet financial database on otherwise confidential information but allows that confidential information may be aggregated or summarized if confidentiality is protected and defines "expenditure" and "searchable Internet website."

### **AS 37.05.215 (f) – Definitions**

- (1) Defines an expenditure as a payment from the state treasury that is greater than \$1,000.

An expenditure not individual payments to state employees or retirees, or payment of state or federal assistance to an individual

- (2) Searchable internet website – defines what a searchable internet website is.

- (3) State Agency - state agency" means a department, office, agency, board, commission, public corporation, or other organizational unit of or created under the executive branch of the state government, including the University of Alaska

## **Section 5**

Requires the website to be operating on or before October 1, 2021.

## Section 6

Requires that the website be operational by October 1, 2023.

## Transitional Provisions

Requires the Department of Administration to continue to maintain their current online checkbook, until section 4 of this act take effect.