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Title: "An Act relating to the regulations of election campaigns..." _____

Department Affected: Administration
BRU: Alaska Public Offices Commission
Component: Alaska Public Offices Commission

Sponsor: Representative Cowdery
Requestor: Senate Judiciary

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 70

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)
Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
PERSONAL SERVICES	37.5	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	2.1	0	2.1	0	2.1	0
CONTRACTUAL	18.7	23.2	23.2	23.2	21.0	21.0
SUPPLIES	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6	.6
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	58.9	23.8	25.9	23.8	23.7	21.6

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND	FY 2001	FY2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	58.9	23.8	25.9	23.8	23.7	21.6
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

Estimate of any

POSITIONS:

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FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS:

(Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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See Attached.

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CSS HB 225 (Work Draft #LS0931VZ) will result in additional costs for the Commission. To enable the Commission to implement the changes, the Commission is seeking additional personal service funding to cover overtime costs associated with educating active candidates, groups and political parties about the statutory changes. The overtime will be necessary for staff to quickly complete the following tasks:

- revise electronic filing software, Commission publications, and forms to implement the new provisions.
- conduct educational training in Anchorage, Barrow, Fairbanks, Juneau, and Kenai to notify state and municipal candidates about the provisions.
- respond to informal inquiries and advisory opinion requests to define key terms in the legislation, clarify inconsistencies between the provisions and existing legal requirements, and highlight reporting responsibilities.

It is important that these tasks be funded and carried out quickly due to the fact that the state election cycle began in May 1999 and registered candidates are currently active and are planning their campaign strategies based on the existing law. Although the statute does not become effective until after the state election, information concerning the changes will affect post-election disbursement. In addition, the Commission anticipates that political participants may be confused by the existence of two sets of rules. The statute will take effect during the middle of the Anchorage municipal election and will mark the beginning of the 2002 gubernatorial campaign.

The Commission anticipates that certain provisions of CCS HB 225 will result in an increase in public inquiries. Those provisions include the permission granted to prohibited entities, like corporations and labor organizations, to sponsor "political party events"; and the fact that certain polls, legal and accounting services, and mass mailings will not be considered contributions. As a result, these activities will not be limited or disclosed.

To cover the increase in inquiries, the Commission requests additional contractual funding. Because of these provisions, the commission anticipates an average of one additional complaint per year.

To cover the additional educational and enforcement responsibilities, the Commission anticipates a modest increase in contractual and supply costs to cover among other things, computer programming, postage, and printing.