

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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 Bill Version: SB 392
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: LAW
 Title "An Act relating to the expenses of investigation, RDU CIVIL
hearing, or public advocacy before the Regulatory..." Component Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy
 Sponsor Senate Labor & Commerce
 Requester Senate Labor & Commerce Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1007 Interagency Receipts	(1,012.8)	(1,012.8)	(1,012.8)	(1,012.8)	(1,012.8)	(1,012.8)
1141 RCA Receipts	1,012.8	1,012.8	1,012.8	1,012.8	1,012.8	1,012.8
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill amends AS 42.05.254 by clarifying that the general costs of public advocacy will continue to be paid from the established regulatory cost charge mechanism.

The bill also exempts state agencies from reimbursing the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (commission) for commission costs in proceeding to which the state agency is a party. The bill would require utilities, pipeline carriers, and pipelines to pay the costs of contract expert witnesses retained by the attorney general when the attorney general appears as a public advocate for regulatory affairs before the commission. Additionally, the bill provides the Department of Law the same access to utility and pipeline carrier books and records to the same extent as had been previously allowed commission investigatory staff.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Continuing in the spirit of Executive Order 111, the Governor's FY 2005 amended budget completes the transfer of responsibility and oversight for the regulatory public advocacy function by transferring the associated staff positions and adding additional interagency receipt authority to the newly created Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy section in the Department of Law. Through the statutory changes proposed in this legislation, the new section shall be budgeted directly from the regulatory receipts rather than through an interagency transfer of funds. This fiscal note converts the receipts portion only but may require further amending to include the transfer of expenditure authorization and positions if the portion of the Governor's amended budget that would make that change is not adopted.