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 Component Regulatory Commission of Alaska
 Sponsor Harris, Coghill, Rokeberg, et al
 Requester House Labor & Commerce Component No. 2417

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
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						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

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)

The Regulatory Commission of Alaska's (RCA) mission is to protect consumer interests and promote economic development by ensuring affordable, reliable utility and pipeline services and ensuring that the utility and pipeline infrastructure is adequate to support community needs. The RCA believes that passage of this legislation will increase utility infrastructure throughout the state. Grant-funded infrastructure reduces rates for consumers.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

The RCA is in the process of implementing a reduced regulatory program for small water and sewer utilities. When fully implemented, this program will reduce the regulatory burden and reporting requirements on these utilities. However, passage of this legislation may cause some of these utilities to seek a higher degree of regulation in order to be eligible to receive grant funds. The RCA can identify the number of utilities which may seek expanded regulation, but it is more difficult to quantify the number or timing of these applications. At this juncture, the RCA anticipates that existing staff can absorb any additional applications resulting from this legislation in the normal course of Commission operations. Therefore, this legislation is anticipated to have no fiscal impact on the RCA.

RCA's budget is funded through the Regulatory Cost Charge (RCC) mechanism and direct charge mechanisms. No general funds are allocated for support of the agency. The RCC is recalculated each year and allows the agency to recover its operating costs through an assessment on the revenues of the utilities and pipeline carriers.