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 Bill Version: SCS CSHB 209(FIN)
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 Title An Act relating to the Regulatory Commission RDU Civil
of Alaska Component Reg. Affairs & Public Advocacy
 Sponsor LABOR & COMMERCE
 Requester HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE Component No. _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	***	***	***	***	***	***

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	***	***	***	***	***	***

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached page.

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

This bill would create new and amend current statute relating to the chair of and the membership of and qualifications of members of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; add positions to the partially exempt service; create an administrative law division and natural gas and oil pipeline division within the commission; amend the timeline requirements for a final order of the commission; amend the commission's regulatory cost charges; and add to the duties of the Alaska Judicial Council as they relate to the presentation of nominees for consideration for appointment to the commission.

In particular, proposed Sec. 4 of the bill would amend AS 42.05.175(c) to reduce the time for RCA decision-making in rate cases by approximately six months. This shorter procedural timeline does not necessarily translate into more quantifiable need for resources by RAPA. That is because proposed Sec. 4 does not create more work, but rather impacts the timeline of the processing of the work. Over the long term, the workload will be identical to that if no change is made. However, resource needs at any one point in time may well be greater, dependent upon the type of cases that arise, the number of more complex cases filed in which the Attorney General elects to participate and whether these cases are spread out over time or are filed close together.

The Department cannot readily predict the nature and timing of future filings and thus is not able to say with certainty whether there may be short term additional resource needs resulting from the proposed change. As a consequence the fiscal impact of this bill on the department must be considered indeterminate at this point in time.