

HB

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SCS CS House Bill 54 (L&C) Telephone Caller Identification

Representative Kay Brown

Sectional Analysis

• Section 1.

Adds a new section to Alaska Statute 42.05. **AS 42.05.335 CALLER IDENTIFICATION SERVICES AND CALL BLOCKING.** (a) If a telephone utility offers caller identification service to its customers, then it must also offer to its customers, without charge, "call blocking" and "line blocking" services. This would allow a subscriber the option of keeping their phone number, subscriber's name and address confidential.

•(b) A telephone utility may not impose an initial installation charge for the blocking service. However the utility may charge a reasonable, non recurring fee for changing the type (i.e. from "call" to "line" blocking) or for reinstallation of canceled blocking service.

•(c) Defines "blocking service" and "caller identification."

•Section 2.

Immediate effective date.

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Sponsor Statement

SCS CSHB 54(L&C) addresses protection of Alaskan's individual privacy and personal safety:

- *Would provide Caller Identification "line blocking" services without charge to telephone utility customers. This will protect those who for their own safety must keep their location confidential.*

Additions and amendments to Alaska Statutes provided by this legislation would make it clear that a citizen's right to individual privacy includes the right to prevent electronic identification of the subscriber's name, phone number, or address.

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Bill No.: HB 54

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POSITION PAPER - Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

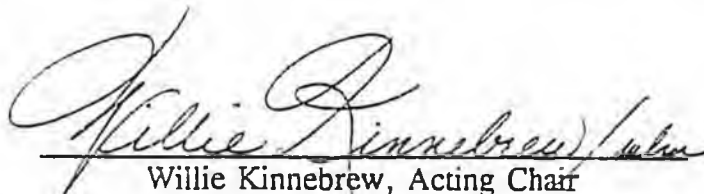
Title: "An Act relating to eavesdropping, telephone caller identification, and telephone directory listings and solicitations."

The Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault supports HB 54 which would ensure that telephone caller identification (caller ID) service must be accompanied by a service, without charge to the customer, that prevents the caller's number from being read by the party with caller ID service.

The availability of unrestricted caller ID service would jeopardize the lives and safety of victims of domestic violence. A battered woman may have physically escaped her perpetrator but have need to contact him concerning child visitation or financial support. If the perpetrator subscribed to caller ID service, when a victim called him, he would easily be able to track down where she was through the use of a reverse telephone directory. This would not only endanger the victim herself, but could result in harassment or danger for those sheltering her, such as a safe home provider or shelter staff and other residents.

At least thirty-seven states have dealt with the issue of privacy and caller ID services. In New Jersey, which is one of only a very few states which allows caller ID service without blocking, shelters have reported that confidentiality of clients' whereabouts have been breached and that shelter staff have received abusive phone calls as a result of the caller ID service. Thus it is critical that caller ID service be accompanied by a blocking service.

The Council is also concerned that the blocking service be made available at no charge to the customer. Victims of domestic violence who flee their homes for protection often have little or no money. Also, shelter programs are non-profit community-based agencies with minimal financial resources. The additional financial burden of having to pay for caller ID blocking services will only reduce resources available for direct services for victims.



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FISCAL NOTE

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1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

No. 2

Bill Version: CSHB 54 (LEC)

(S) Publish Date: 4-13-94

Revision Date: 4/12/94

Title: An Act relating to eavesdropping, telephone caller I.D., telephone listings/solicitations

Sponsor: Brown/Navarre

Requestor: Labor and Commerce

Department Affected: Commerce and Economic Development

Agency: Alaska Public Utilities Commission

Component: Alaska Public Utilities Commission

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. _____

Expenditures/Revenues:

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRANTS, CLAIMS	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUND SOURCE

1002 Federal Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1003 GF Match	0	0	0	0	0	0
1004 GF	0	0	0	0	0	0
1005 GF/Program Receipts	0	0	0	0	0	0
1006 GF/MHTIA	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY 94) cost: \$ 0

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.)

Changes in CSHB 54 (LEC) have no fiscal impact. This fiscal note is appropriate.

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4-12-94

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