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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTED OUT

MAY 19 2003

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

DATE: 5/19/03

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 19 May 2003

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 111(JUD) am

HB 111 RCA EXTENSION & POLICIES

"An Act relating to policies in telecommunications regulations; extending the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DCED	5/19/03	10,092,2		

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Robin Taylor</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Donna Huth</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Richard C. Olson</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Stacy Beard</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Ben Stevens</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
COCHAIR: <i>Linda Green</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
COCHAIR: <i>Cony White</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

FISCAL NOTE

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STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: CSHB 111(JUD) am
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DCED
 Title Regulatory Commission of Alaska: BRU Regulatory Commission of Alaska (399)
Sunset Extension Component Regulatory Commission of Alaska
 Sponsor Rules by Request of the Governor
 Requester Senate Finance Component No. 2417

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services	3,982.9	3,982.9	3,982.9	3,982.9	3,982.9	
Travel	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	
Contractual	1,920.0	1,920.0	1,920.0	1,920.0	1,920.0	
Supplies	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	62.5	
Equipment	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.8	
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	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						
1141 - RCA Receipts	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	
TOTAL	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	6,039.2	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 6,003.1
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time	62	62	62	62	62
Part-time					
Temporary					

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation extends the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) to June 30, 2007. In accordance with AS 44.66.010, funding is extended one year following the termination date allowing the commission to conclude its affairs. This legislation also requires the RCA review its telecommunications regulations, hold public hearings and propose regulations for improvement no later than November 15, 2003.

The 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 it regulates.

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 Division: Regulatory Commission of Alaska Date/Time 5/19/2003 7:00:PM
 Approved by: Edgar Blatchford, Commissioner Date 5/19/2003
 Agency: Department of Community & Economic Development

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February 18, 2003

The Honorable Pete Kott
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Kott:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill that would extend the life of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) to avoid its termination on June 30, 2003. The bill also includes a provision for an immediate effective date.

It is important to pass this bill before the RCA's termination date. The RCA regulates utilities statewide and intrastate pipelines. The continued operation of the RCA is essential to ensure that Alaskan consumers have reliable and affordable utility services and to assure a stable business environment for utilities and pipelines.

Failure to extend the commission this session would significantly interfere with its work. Though the sunset Act provides for a "wind down" year, the commission would have to redirect its time and energy to plan for closing its operations. Failure to extend the RCA would leave the regulated utilities as well as consumers in a state of confusion and uncertainty.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank H. Murkowski".

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

HB 111-EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA

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