

HB

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Rep. Anna Fairclough, Co-Chair
House CRA Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 411
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux, Co-Chair
House CRA Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 412
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representatives Fairclough and LeDoux:

The Governor's Legislative Office has transmitted HB 344 on my behalf, and I request consideration and passage of this bill in the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

The bill was generated in response to feedback I have received from local governments who do not use or wish to receive paper copies of the Alaska Administrative Code that I currently distribute at state expense. With electronic access available at no charge, many local governments believe that these materials are obsolete and an unnecessary use of limited office space.

The bill allows local governments to opt-out of receiving paper copies of the Alaska Administrative Code and its quarterly supplements. If, in the future, local officials wish to resume receiving these materials, the bill also affords provisions for opting-in.

Responding to local concerns and conserving state resources are two benefits of this legislation. I urge your support of these goals in the passage of HB 344. If I can provide any information, please contact me or Jason Hooley in my office at 465-4082. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Lieutenant Governor

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January 28, 2008

The Honorable Lyda Green
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 111
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Green:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill to change the Alaska Administrative Procedure Act to provide for better and more cost-effective access to administrative information.

The bill stems from requests of some local governments to stop receiving paper copies of the Alaska Administrative Code and the Alaska Administrative Register. Space in some local government offices is limited and the storage and disposal of these documents can be problematic.

Under current law, the Lieutenant Governor, at state expense, is required to supply a complete set of the Alaska Administrative Code, the Alaska Administrative Register, and each supplement to the code or register to the clerk of each local government unit. Many local governments have indicated that paper copies of these publications are neither utilized nor desired.

The bill allows the clerk of a local governmental unit to choose to forego receipt of the paper copies. Paper copies would continue to be supplied to governmental units that do not request cessation of the deliveries.

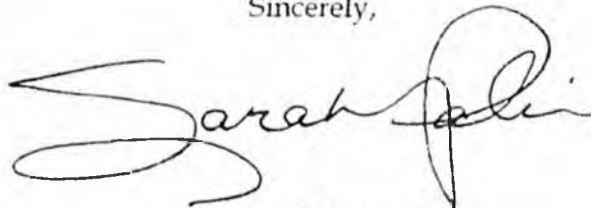
Because electronic access to the Alaska Administrative Code is currently available through the Legislature's website, and through links to that website from various state agency websites, we anticipate that many local governments would prefer this "no-cost" option for electronic access to the information, and paper copies would not be needed.

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The bill also provides an easy method for the local government to "opt back in" to start receiving paper copies of the documents if the local government's needs changed.

I urge your prompt consideration and passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah Palin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S" and a distinct "P" for "Palin".

Sarah Palin
Governor

Enclosure

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number 1
Bill Version HB 344
(H) Publish Date 1/30/08

Identifier (file name): 0048-OOG-LGO-1-25-08 Dept. Affected: OOG
Title "An Act relating to distribution of the Alaska Administrative code and Alaska Administrative Register, ..." RDU Executive Operations
Sponsor Rules Committee Component Office of the Lt. Governor
Requester Governor Component Number 11

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	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 Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Reduced distribution of the Alaska Administrative Code and Register should result in savings to the state. It is not possible at this time to estimate the number of local governments that would opt out, nor to estimate the amount of savings that would be realized

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