

**HB**

**387**

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## **Representative Berta Gardner**

*House District 24*

### SPONSOR STATEMENT

#### HB 387

*"An Act limiting the number of published telephone directories that may be distributed to a household."*

Telephone distributors and publishers are currently delivering a phone book for every phone line in the state. Households that have multiple lines receive more than one phone book or set of phone books, creating not just an inconvenience to the resident but also recycling and land-fill issues.

HB 387 addresses this waste and nuisance by limiting the publishers and distributors to delivery of one book, or set of books, unless a resident requests more.

In 2007, from April to August, the Anchorage recycling center collected 284 tons of phone books. This however does not include books that were simply thrown away or put into mixed paper bins at the recycling center. A phone book consists of low grade paper and is difficult to recycle compared to other paper products. This bill will reduce the burden on the recycling centers of Alaska.

While other states introduced legislation that instituted an opt-out directory to address this issue, HB 387 is a simplified alternative. Because this bill continues to allow publishers and distributors to dispense their telephone directory to each household there is no substantial hindrance on free market competition.

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### Sectional Analysis

#### House Bill 387

**“An Act limiting the number of published telephone directories that may be distributed to a household.”**

HB 387 amends Alaska Statute section 42.05 and 45.50 to add a new section to limit telephone directory distribution to one per household per utility.

- Section 1** Limits to one the number of directories a telephone utility can distribute to a household. A member of the household can request additional copies.
- Section 2** Requires a telephone utility that does not gross \$50,000 annually to comply with Section 1
- Section 3** Requires a telephone utility that does not gross \$500,000 annually to comply with Section 1
- Section 4** For the purposes of this bill, includes publishers, distributors, or providers in limiting the distribution of telephone directories.



# Alaska Conservation Alliance

*Uniting for Alaska's Future*

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March 4, 2008

The Honorable Representative Gardner  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

**Re: HB 387 – Distribution of Telephone Books**

Dear Representative Gardner,

On behalf of the Alaska Conservation Alliance (ACA), a consortium of 40 Alaska-based conservation groups, I would like to express our support for HB 387, an act limiting the number of published telephone directories a utility may distribute to a household.

Delivering multiple phonebooks to a single household increases the demand for paper products and ultimately places more and more discarded and unused phonebooks in our landfills. Increased waste in landfills increases the operating costs for municipalities. Producing and distributing these extra phonebooks also adds costs for utilities.

By limiting utilities to only one phonebook per household this bill is decreasing the use of paper, decreasing the number of phonebooks going into landfills (thus decreasing cost to municipalities) and decreasing the cost to utilities by allowing them to produce and distribute fewer phonebooks. I strongly encourage the Alaska Legislature to pass HB 387. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kate Troll  
Executive Director

**Jim Isturis**

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**From:** M. Anne Brooks [annebrooks@ak.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2008 4:17 PM  
**To:** Jim Isturis  
**Subject:** Support for HB 387

Wow -- every time I receive phone books -- three at my home, three at my small 2-person household; and that is just from one company because I also get phone books from other companies; I think what the heck can I do to stop this waste of resources. Today I open my email and find out that something is being done! Yea! Good legislation that will help so some of the way towards reducing waste of resources.

I fully support this legislation and thank Rep. Berta Gardner for sponsoring it.

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Anne Brooks  
1704 Bannister Road  
Anchorage, AK 99508

**Jim Isturis**

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**From:** Charlotte Sartor [cbsartor@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2008 4:49 PM

**To:** Jim Isturis

**Subject:** Support HB 387

Please support HB 387 to limit the distribution of phone books.

The number of phone books that households receive each year is truly appalling. It is a waste of resources that also contributes to filling our valuable landfills with trash.

As a frequent volunteer at the Valley recycling center I have heard numerous complaints about the number of phone books received. And that is from those who recycle them rather than throwing them in the trash.

Unfortunately I think that a big part of the problem is that we get phone books from numerous different companies. This bill does not seem to address that and I'm not sure how it can be addressed. But maybe a bill such as this will at least put them on notice that a large part of the population is fed up with the waste involved with this needless duplication.

Charlotte Sartor  
5900 S. Our Rd  
Palmer, AK 99645

**Jim Isturis**

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**From:** PETER MAASSEN and KAY GOUWENS [pmaassen@prodigy.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2008 5:11 PM

**To:** Jim Isturis

**Subject:** Phone directories bill -- brilliant!

Berta, I strongly support your bill to limit to one the number of phone directories routinely distributed to each household. It's one of those things that seems so obvious once someone has come up with the idea, like so many brilliant ideas do. Thanks for sponsoring this bill: cumulatively, small-ish measures like this could help save our planet -- or at least reduce the poundage we all carry to the recycling center each year. Sincerely, Kay Gouwens, 1135 G Street, Anchorage 99501.

**Jim Isturis**

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**From:** Annabelle A [abella322@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2008 5:16 PM  
**To:** Jim Isturis  
**Subject:** HB 387 The Distribution of Telephone Directories

This bill would reduce waste, conserve resources (raw materials and production costs), cut business expenses, extend the life of limited landfill/dump space, and eliminate the equivalent of at least a couple of pounds of junk mail---what's not to like?

But this great bill reeks of common sense and practicality. Does it have a chance?

Good luck!  
Annabelle

Kotzebue, AK 99752  
Wk 907-442-2500 x119

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**Jim Isturis**

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**From:** Karol Fink [karolfink@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 04, 2008 5:33 PM

**To:** Jim Isturis

**Subject:** support HB 387 The Distribution of Telephone Directories

I'd love to reduce the amount of phone books I get.

I never use them b/c I use the Internet now for that type of information. I don't even have a home phone - only a mobile and I still get phone books.

I am stuck hauling them to the recycling center for me and my disabled neighbor who can't even lift those heavy awkward books- what a waste of resources and my time.

Thanks for support HB 385

Karol Fink | (907) 227-8178 | karolfink@yahoo.com

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## Jim Isturis

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**From:** Curtis Townsend [curtistownsend@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 7:06 AM  
**To:** Jim Isturis  
**Subject:** I support HB 387

I support the proposal that would limit the amount of phonebooks delivered to a household. This last year alone, we have received at least 5 different phone books. I think that is 5 too many to be honest.

I have at least recycled them though.

Thank you for representing my interests.

Curtis Townsend  
16510 Centerfield Dr D11  
Eagle River AK 99577

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March 10, 2008

The Honorable Anna Fairclough, Co-Chair  
House Community and Regional Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 411  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

The Honorable Gabrielle LeDoux, Co-Chair  
House Community and Regional Affairs Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 412  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

HB 308 (Nelson)—Support

Dear Co-Chairs Fairclough and LeDoux:

On behalf of the members of AARP in Alaska, we urge you and your colleagues on the House Community and Regional Affairs Committee to support HB 308, authored by Representative Mary Nelson and co-sponsored by your Committee colleague Representative Woodie Salmon and Representatives Bob Buch and Beth Kerttula.

Several states supplement the federal funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Alaska does not.

HB 308 would raise eligibility for financial assistance with heating bills from 150% of the federal poverty level to 175%. For a single person, the eligibility level would go from \$19,500 to \$22,750. For a couple, eligibility would rise from \$25,250 to \$30,625. This is the same eligibility standards that the Legislature recently adopted for the Alaska Senior Benefits Program.

The current Alaska Heating Assistance Program considers eligibility on a variety of factors. Income is only one consideration. Household size, the source of heat, the community one lives in, type of residence, etc., are all factors that are used to determine eligibility. The stipend, in most cases, goes to the utility provider, not the individual. HB 308 would only raise the income eligibility level. The other factors in determining whether a household will receive assistance would still apply.

You know from your own heating bills what has happened over the past few years. More and more Alaskans are having trouble with their heating costs.

From October to December, 2007, we surveyed our members in Alaska. The results on our questions on energy costs reinforce our interest in supporting HB 308.

ACTION TAKEN	<20k	20k-50k	50k-75k	75k+
Lowered home heat substantially	58%	47%	38%	31%
Cut down on use of appliances	49%	32%	23%	22%
Cut back on necessities (defined as food and medicine)	46%	28%	18%	8%
Closed off part of home	30%	17%	10%	13%
Turned off heat in home	16%	10%	5%	7%
Used kitchen range as heater	12%	8%	3%	1%
Stopped using appliances	10%	7%	3%	2%

This survey was conducted of AARP members. Our members tend to have higher educational levels and higher incomes than the overall Alaska population over age 50. It is logical to expect that the general population over age 50 are having even more problems with utility bills.

On average, older people spend 90% of their time in their homes. They can't (and shouldn't) turn down their thermostat during the day. AARP believes that HB 308 will enable more lower income Alaskans to get at least some minimum assistance with their heating bills. We hope it will also result in less dangerous and less healthy behaviors by citizens trying to cut their utility costs.

AARP recommends an "AYE" vote on HB 308.

Should you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact me (586-3637) or Patrick Luby, AARP Advocacy Director (907-762-3314).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Marie Darlin, Coordinator  
AARP Capital City Task Force  
415 Willoughby Avenue, Apt. 506  
Juneau, AK 99801  
586-3637 (voice)  
463-3580 (fax)

CC: Representative Nancy Dahlstrom  
Representative Sharon Cissna  
Representative Mark Neuman  
Representative Kurt Olson

Representative Woodie Salmon  
Representative Mary Nelson

## RECYCLING 101: TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

This is the sixteenth in a series of articles about recycling in Anchorage. This is the season that we all get a new phone book and we wonder what to do with all the old ones. Businesses especially often receive dozens and sometimes hundreds of books. This means that there are usually that many old books to get rid of. Here's some information about what you can do with the old books.

### *The National Picture*

In 1999, 680,000 tons of waste telephone directories were generated. Of this quantity, 110,000 tons were collected for recycling, or just 16.2% of the total quantity generated, leaving 570,000 tons to be disposed.

### *Telephone Directories in Anchorage*

Although the 1997 waste sort conducted in Anchorage did not specifically look at phone books, we might assume that they fall under the category of "other paper." Therefore, 19,562 tons of paper other than cardboard, office paper, mixed paper, and newsprint, were generated in 1997 in Anchorage. A portion of this quantity represents waste telephone books.

In 2001, Anchorage businesses and residents recycled approximately 176 tons of phone books. In 2000, 150 tons were collected for recycling. Before that, about 220 tons were collected annually. The drop in recycling during the past few years may be attributed to a lack of information provided in the phone books about how and where to recycle during those years.

### *How Do I Recycle Telephone Directories?*

Recycling bins for phone books will be available throughout Anchorage, in Eagle River, and at Fort Richardson starting May 20th and continuing until July 1st. Look for bins at Carrs stores where you usually take your newspapers and aluminum cans. This includes the Eagle River store. Bins also will be located at the Anchorage Recycling Center, off of Dowling, at the old PX on base at Fort Richardson, and at ACS offices at 600 Telephone Avenue.

A phone book collection bin will remain available at the Anchorage Recycling Center beyond the end date of July 1st until August 1st for any late recyclers.

If you have more than 30 sets of books to recycle, call the ACS hotline and ACS will arrange to have the books picked up for recycling.

At other times of the year, when bins specifically designated for phone books are not available, phone books may be placed in mixed paper bins.

### *How Can I Reduce Telephone Directories?*

Phone book deliveries are typically based on the number of phone lines in a home or workplace. So everyone who has a phone gets a set of books. ACS contacts larger businesses each year to ask about the quantities needed but besides that, it is up to you to make the effort to reduce the number of books you receive.

If your workplace receives more phone books than necessary -- and let's face it, you really don't need a set of books for each and every employee -- you can call the phone company before books are delivered and let them know how many sets of books you need. They may be able deliver fewer books.

Even if you are not able to call them and let your phone company know of the reduction before they print the books, ACS determines how many will be printed the following year by first checking to see how many books remain in its warehouse. For this reason, extra books are better off in the ACS warehouse than they are in your warehouse or storeroom. Your efforts will mean that fewer books are printed next year. Call the ACS business office to let them know how many you need. ACS says that April is the best month to call.

With fewer books in your workplace, you may want to keep several sets of phone books in a central location for all to use. Printing fewer books conserves resources, reduces transportation costs for phone book delivery, and saves space in your office.

If you receive MTA phone books, contact MTA directly to determine ways to reduce the number received or for additional recycling opportunities.

#### *Resources*

Alaska Communications Systems  
600 Telephone Avenue, Anchorage  
Hotline (operation starts in mid-May) 566-4718  
Business office 563-2020

Matanuska Telephone Association  
1740 S. Chugach Street, Palmer  
Directory Coordinator (907) 761-2787

Anchorage Refuse (A Waste Management Company)  
Doug Daniels  
6301 Rosewood Street, Anchorage  
563-3717

Anchorage Recycling Center (Smurfit-Stone Recycling Company)  
Guy Barton  
6161 Rosewood Street, Anchorage  
562-2267



# City Notes

An Informational Newsletter for Amarillo Residents

April 2006

## Keep Amarillo Beautiful Kicked Off Annual Telephone Book Recycling Project

Keep Amarillo Beautiful kicked off its 15th annual telephone book recycling project on Monday, March 6, 2006 and runs through Saturday, April 29, 2006. Co-sponsors are AT&T Yellow Pages and Great Western Directories, Inc.

Twenty-four hour drop-off locations are located at the southeast corner of Western Plaza, 2201 S. Western, for the Keep Amarillo Beautiful bins and at 27th Avenue and Hayes Street (across from Llano Cemetery) for the City Recycling Drop-Off Center. Canyon City Hall, 301 16th Street in Canyon accepts books weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telephone books should be placed in bins labeled "Telephone Books Only." Other items, such as newspapers, magazines and catalogs cannot be accepted in these receptacles. No sacks or plastic bags should be put in the drop-off containers.

Delivery of the AT&T Yellow Pages telephone book began February 16 and the Greater Amarillo book began March

1. Each company plans to have all books delivered within one month from the starting date. Many of the towns, including the City of Canyon, will bring their old telephone books to Amarillo. These towns and many large businesses arrange to take their books to BFI Recyclery at 803 S. Garfield from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. BFI's telephone number is (806) 374-7425.

Don't throw away those old telephone books: recycle them. The community-wide project is an environmental effort that conserves landfill space by collecting outdated directories for recycling. Telephone books account for about 8% of paper products in landfill space and they never decompose. For each ton of recycled directories an estimated 17 large trees are saved as well as 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space. For comparison, local dumpsters have a capacity of 3 cubic yards. This year BFI Recyclery will box the old telephone books and ship them to Atlas Roofing in Ardmore, Oklahoma to be made into roofing shingles.

For more information call Dusty McGuire at (806) 355-8757 or Michael Rice at (806) 378-9337.



### Twenty-four hour telephone book recycling drop-off locations:

- Southeast Corner of Western Plaza
- Recycling Drop-Off Center at 27th and Hayes (across from Llano Cemetery)

## Public Health Department to Offer Immunization Clinics

BE WISE, IMMUNIZE! Protect your children and your community from infectious diseases. Bring your child to one of the following immunization clinics:

### Glenwood Elementary

April 11 and May 9:

2407 S. Houston, 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### Sanborn Elementary

April 13 and May 11:

700 S. Roberts, 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

### Hamlet Elementary

April 18 and May 16:

705 Sycamore, 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Immunizations will be offered for a minimum charge of \$5 for one shot or \$10 for two or more. However, no child will be turned away due to inability to pay. Parents must accompany their children and provide a copy of each child's immunization record. For more information, call 351-7326.



Protect your children from infectious diseases!  
**BE WISE, IMMUNIZE!**



## **ALASKA CENTER *for the* ENVIRONMENT**

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The Honorable Berta Gardner  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 422  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

February 15, 2008

Dear Representative Gardner,

Alaska Center for the Environment (ACE) and our members would like to commend you for introducing "An Act Limiting the Number of Published Telephone Directories a Utility may distribute to a Household." ACE is a non-profit environmental education and advocacy organization. Founded by a group of concerned Alaskans in 1971, ACE is the largest grassroots conservation organization in Alaska with over 6,000 members.

Thousands of Alaskans find expression for their conservation values through membership in ACE's values of balance, common sense, and long-range stewardship in managing our natural resources. This bill promotes one of ACE's primary objectives of building and maintaining healthy sustainable communities. By reducing the amount of telephone directories a utility is allowed to distribute you are encouraging reasonable solutions to the increased waste that is created. In return, Alaska is saving energy and resources used during the production of these materials.

We applaud your efforts in promoting such a common sense bill.

Sincerely,

Eric Uhde  
Public Lands Advocate

**Jim Isturis**

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**From:** Tenge, Robert J. [RTENGE@SMURFIT.COM]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2008 10:21 AM  
**To:** Jim Isturis  
**Subject:** Phone Books

Jim,

We show recycling 252 tons of phone books this last year in 2007.

Bob Tenge  
Anchorage Plant Manager  
Smurfit-Stone Reclamation  
6161 Rosewood Street  
907-565-4488

Does not include mixed paper,  
or trash.

**Sent:** Thursday, February 07, 2008 8:40 PM

**To:** Rep. Berta Gardner

**Subject:** Phone Book Bill

Dear Representative Gardner,

Hooray for you for writing this piece of legislation. I have 4 phones in my home and I received 17 phone books! (3-white pgs, 4-ACS Mobile companion, 3-Eagle River, 1-ACS Shoppers Guide, 3-ACS Yellow Pages, and 3-Matanuska Phone Books)

I had so many books, I took some back to the phone company. In my opinion, ONE set is enough for the household; and if a family wants more, all they have to do is request.

Thank you soooo much for this legislation.

Susan McDonald

Eagle River, Alaska

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: HB387SS-LAW-CIV-03-03-08  
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Identifier (file name): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: LAW  
 Title: An Act relating to telephone directories RDU: Civil  
 Component: Commercial & Fair Business  
 Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE(s) GARDNER  
 Requester: HOUSE CRA Component Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	Appropriation Required	Information					
	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel							
Contractual							
Supplies							
Equipment							
Land & Structures							
Grants & Claims							
Miscellaneous							
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

**CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )**

**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: 0.0

**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 387 prohibits a telephone utility from delivering more than one published telephone directory, unless otherwise requested by a member of the household. This is not a consumer protection issue. Because the bill amends AS 42.05, it will be enforced by the RCA under AS 42.05.541 - 621. These sections allow the RCA to issue a penalty of up to \$100 per violation of the chapter. The penalty would be enforced by the Attorney General.

The department does not expect a significant fiscal impact as a result of this bill.

Prepared by: Robert Meiners, Administrative Services Manager Phone: 907-465-5427  
 Division: Administrative Services Division Date/Time: 3.3.08 9:00 PM  
 Approved by: Talis Colberg, Attorney General Date: 3.3.2008  
Department of Law

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 Title Distribution of Telephone Books RDU Regulatory Commission of Alaska (399)  
 Component Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
 Sponsor Gardner, Gara  
 Requester House Community & Regional Affairs Component Number 2417

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below

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<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
1141 RCA Receipts							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**POSITIONS**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation limits the number of published telephone directories a telephone utility may distribute to one per household each year, and amends AS 42 05 711(e) and (f) to ensure non-economically regulated utilities are subject to this limit

(ANALYSIS CONTINUED)

Prepared by Anthony A Price Chair  
 Division Regulatory Commission of Alaska  
 Approved by Emil R. Notti, Commissioner  
 Agency Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Phone 907 276 6222  
 Date/Time 3/3/08 6 16 PM  
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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

RCA regulations conflict with the proposed legislation (see 3 AAC 52.250). The RCA would incur the cost of a rulemaking proceeding to amend or repeal 3 AAC 52.250. Costs of the proceeding would include publishing a notice of proposed action, transcribing public meetings and/or public hearings, and staff time necessary to develop and defend a regulatory proposal. After establishing regulations complying with this legislation, the RCA would incur the expense of ensuring compliance with directory requirements.

The RCA's budget is funded through Regulatory Cost Charges (RCC) and direct charge mechanisms. The RCC is recalculated each year and allows the agency to recover its operating expenses through an assessment on revenues of regulated utilities and pipeline carriers. Utilities exempt from economic regulation by the RCA do not pay RCCs, but may be required to pay the actual costs of services provided by the RCA. The RCA expects to implement the provisions of this legislation with existing resources.

## Sonya Hymer

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**From:** Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:26 AM  
**To:** Sonya Hymer  
**Subject:** FW: Please support HBC 387

Suzanne Hancock, Chief of Staff  
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
District 36  
Capitol, Juneau, Alaska 99801  
(907) 465-2487  
(907) 465-4956 (fax)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mark Pope (mailto:mark@learningsurge.com)  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:20 AM  
**To:** Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Mark Neuman;  
Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Woodie Salmon  
**Cc:** mlewis@yksd.com  
**Subject:** Please support HBC 387

Please support - House Bill 387 to limit distribution of phone books.

Mark Pope

Palmer, AK

## Sonya Hymer

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**From:** Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:26 AM  
**To:** Sonya Hymer  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 387

Suzanne Hancock, Chief of Staff  
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
District 36  
Capitol, Juneau, Alaska 99801  
(907) 465-2487  
(907) 465-4956 (fax)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kevin Wood [mailto:kdwood@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 9:53 PM  
**To:** Jim Isturis  
**Cc:** Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Mark Neuman;  
Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Woodie Salmon  
**Subject:** House Bill 387

Dear Representatives,

I am writing in support of this important bill.  
By limiting the amount of telephone directories sent out, this bill would help to reduce the amount:

- Of phonebooks filling our landfills
- Of energy and resources used in production and distribution
- And unnecessary clutter within our homes

Thank You,

Sincerely,

Kevin D Wood

## Sonya Hymer

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**From:** Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:26 AM  
**To:** Sonya Hymer  
**Subject:** FW: supporting HB 387 Limiting the Distribution of Telephone Directories

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Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ki Woyke Wood [mailto:kiwoyke@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 9:49 PM  
**Subject:** supporting HB 387 Limiting the Distribution of Telephone Directories

Dear Representatives and Lawmakers,

Each year, my heart sinks with another phone book bomb. How much paper and ink goes to waste! And you guessed it - the phone books are hardly ever used, since a phone number is only a "google" away. At least for my family. So yes, I applaud loudly the persons who came up with a law to limit the distribution of phone books to households.

However, I would like to take this act a step further and suggest that no phone books are distributed at all. A note could go out with the utility bill or phone bill to announce that phone books are available for pick-up. Only those who are proven to be immobile could get a delivery, but let's save the delivery and distribution charges for the majority, too! Also, 90% of phone books could be substituted with phone CD-Roms (saving 10% for the voluntary computer illiterate and the tech objectors).

Thanks for looking out for us, for helping us unclutter our homes and especially for saving valuable resources and giving our landfills some relief!

Sincerely,

Kirsten Woyke Wood

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**From:** Michele Kamilos [mailto:mkamilos@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 8:32 PM  
**To:** Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
**Subject:** House Bill 387

Dear Representative LeDoux,

Please support House Bill 387. The number of phone books I receive every year is staggering and truly wastefully. I choose one and dispose of the others. I also volunteer at the Mat-Su Valley recycling center and when new editions are distributed people drop off four to five phone books at a time, oftentimes variations from the same company. Please help reduce this waste by supporting this legislation.

Sincerely,

Michele Kamilos

Wasilla, Alaska

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From: Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
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Subject: FW: HB 387

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From: Ley Schleich [mailto:leyschleich@mac.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2008 7:42 PM  
To: Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
Subject: HB 387

Dear Representative LeDoux,  
I understand the Community and Regional Affairs Committee is taking testimony on HB 387. Count me a supporter! I guess we cannot expect the free market to create an adjustment to this very wasteful practice of TOO MANY PHONE DIRECTORIES! But absent that, it is appropriate that the legislature make the adjustment, which I understand HB 387 will do. Thank you in advance for your efforts in advancing and supporting this bill.

Sincerely,  
Ley Schleich  
Wasilla Supervoter

3080 E. Wanamingo Dr.  
Wasilla AK 99654

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**From:** Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 06, 2008 9:28 AM  
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**From:** Ellen Wolf [mailto:ellenmwolf@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 6:04 PM  
**To:** Jim Isturis  
**Cc:** Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom;  
Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Sharon Cissna; Rep. Woodie Salmon  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* HB 387

Please add my voice to the many who support House Bill 387 which would limit the distribution of telephone books to one per household unless otherwise requested. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Wolf  
P.O. Box 371  
Talkeetna, AK 99676

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**From:** Henry [mailto:donhenry@mtaonline.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 5:31 PM  
**To:** Rep. Anna Fairclough; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Nancy Dahlstrom; Rep. Mark Neuman;  
Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Sharon Cissna; R p. Woodie Salmon  
**Subject:** Fw: House Bill 387

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**From:** Henry <mailto:donhenry@mtaonline.net>  
**To:** jim\_isturis@legis.state.ak.us  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 5:26 PM  
**Subject:** House Bill 387

Representative Gardner:

Concerning House Bill 387 (to limit distribution of phone books), please consider the following during your hearing:

I support a limit on distribution. As a Palmer resident, I believe I was given the opportunity to have 4 or 5 phone books (via the USPS) outside of the one provided by my telephone company. I also am a volunteer at our local recycling center, and many customers came with BRAND NEW phone books they would not be using (they also had been given MORE THAN ENOUGH) for recycling, not to mention the pallets stacked with hundreds of BRAND NEW phone books that were not accepted, that were not going to be used. They were brought in for recycling without every being used. The best solution is to reduce the number of phone books offered/given. For the many phone books that were brought for recycling, I'm sure there were just as many if not more heading to the landfill after being placed in the trash.

Please help the state of Alaska reduce the waste involved in offering TOO MANY phones books to residents.

Sincerely,

Carole Henry  
P.O. Box 4400  
Palmer, AK 99645  
907-745-6578

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**From:** Mollie [mailto:mollie@valleyrecycling.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 05, 2008 5:28 PM  
**To:** Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux  
**Subject:** House Bill 387

Please support House Bill 387 to limit distribution of phone books. The flood of directories coming into our communities and homes is out of control. It overwhelms the daily processing operations at the recycling centers across the state and fills our landfills with unnecessary waste.

Mollie Boyer  
Executive Director  
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Our mission is to educate and provide opportunities in our community to reduce, reuse and recycle for the long-term good of all.

Our vision is to establish the Mat-Su Borough as a model recycling community for Alaska.