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Sponsor: Rules Committee
Requester: Governor
Dept. Affected: OOG
RDU: Executive Operations
Component: Office of the Lt. Governor
Component Number: 11

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							
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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January 28, 2008

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

Dear Speaker Harris:

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.

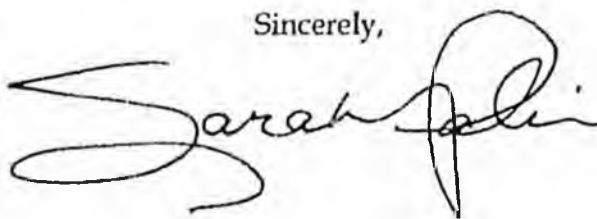
Because electronic access to the Alaska Administrative Code is currently available through the Legislature's website, and through links to that website from various state agency websites, we anticipate that many local governments would prefer this "no-cost" option for electronic access to the information, 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, appearing to read "Sarah Palin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "P" for the last name.

Sarah Palin
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor Sean Parnell

February 25, 2008

Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 515
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Meyer:

Thank you for scheduling House Bill 344 for a hearing in the House Finance Committee. The bill was generated in response to feedback I 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. Specifically, 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 calendaring and passage of SB 257. 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 black ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell
Lieutenant Governor

Cc: Russ Kelly, Legislative Director