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Title: "Establishing a Task Force to make RDU: Legislative Council
recommendations regarding job descriptions and salary..." Component: Council and Subcommittees
Sponsor: Representative Olson
Requester: Representative Olson Component No.: 783

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Personal Services						
Travel	10.0					
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	10.0	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	10.0					
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2007) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2008 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HCR 8 establishes a Task Force to make recommendations regarding job descriptions and salary changes for the Commissioners and support staff of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska. For purposes of this fiscal note it is assumed the Task Force will meet five times. Three of the meetings will be by teleconference and two meetings will require travel and be held in Anchorage. Travel costs for the Legislative members are included in this fiscal note. Travel costs for Executive Branch members will be absorbed within Executive Branch budgets. The Task Force will be staffed by Legislative staff of Legislators appointed to the Task Force. The Task force will make a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than February 1, 2008. The Task Force will end May 30, 2008. The Legislative Affairs Agency will absorb the cost to print the report and to teleconference meetings of the Task Force.

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Kate:

Here's where the Palin administration stands on legislation relating to the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

We support:

1. One, clean sunset extension – We prefer a six-year extension with two-year reviews as outlined in the CSSB 16 (CRA), but we can live with a four-year extension that contains no other provisions.

2. A second bill that is limited to:

- Time lines;
- Having the Governor select the commission chair; and,
- Establishing a task force, which would sunset, to address commissioner salaries and qualifications and other reform provisions as brought forth in RCA public hearings.

This is the message we wish to convey to Senate President Lyda Green, House Speaker John Harris, Senate Finance Committee Co-chairs Lyman Hoffman and Bert Stedman, House Finance Committee Co-chairs Mike Chenault and Kevin Meyer, Senate Labor and Commerce Committee Chair Johnny Ellis, Senate Community and Regional Affairs Committee Chair Donny Olson, House Labor and Commerce Committee Chair Kurt Olson, and other lawmakers.

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Sponsor Statement

HCR 8 creates a task force to accommodate the request by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska for the Legislature to review the salaries of the commissioners. This information was included in the February 22, 2007, letter to the Governor from the RCA accompanying the suggested changes to the statutes. The Task Force will also be reviewing the commissioner's job descriptions to determine if changes need to be made to the required qualifications for appointment.

The RCA had also requested additional staff. The Task Force will be looking into how many, if any, would be appropriate and their salary levels.

With the support of the Governor's office, we urge support of this resolution.