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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 1/29/10

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IN TO OFFICE: _____

Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 184

SB 184 INTERNET ACCESS TO LEG COMMITTEE MTGS

"An Act relating to public access to legislative committee meetings during regular legislative sessions by Internet broadcast."

and recommends:

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

SENATE BILL:	
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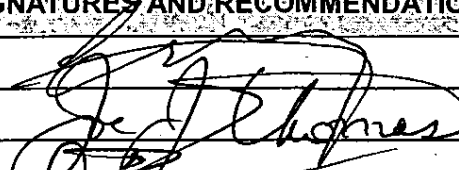
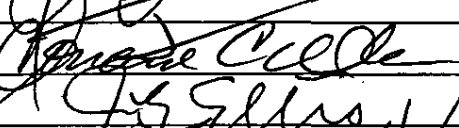

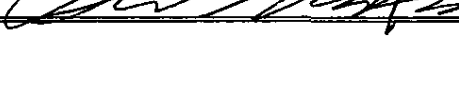


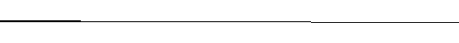
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
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Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Huggins	X			
	Thomas	✓			
	EGAC	✓			
	Olson			X	
	Ellis	X			
CO-CHAIR: 	Hoffman	✓			
CO-CHAIR: 	Stedman	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 184
 () Publish Date: _____

Identifier (file name): _____ Dept. Affected: Legislature
 Title Relating to public access to legislative committee meetings RDU Legislative Council
during regular legislative sessions by internet... Component Administrative Services
 Sponsor Sen. French
 Requester Senate Finance Committee Component Number 780

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
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 (FY2010) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Prepared by: Senate Finance Committee Phone 465-3873/465-4453
Co-Chair Bert Stedman/Co-Chair Lyman Hoffman Date/Time _____
 Approved by: _____ Date 4/6/2010

Replaced

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2010 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 184
(S) Publish Date: 1/29/10

Identifier (file name): LEG-COU-SB184-1-27-10 Dept. Affected: Legislature
Title: "An act relating to public access to legislative committee meetings during regular legislative sessions by Internet..." RDU: Legislative Council
Sponsor: Senator French Component: Administrative Services
Requester: Senate State Affairs Component Number: 780

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	32.0		32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies	56.0							
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	88.0	0.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES								
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()								
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF	88.0	0.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	88.0	0.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0	32.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2010) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

	FY 2011	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
Full-time							
Part-time	1		1	1	1	1	1
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB184 requires that each room regularly used for meetings of committees of the Legislature be equipped with fixed cameras capable of producing an audio and video feed without an operator once turned on. Each committee meeting held during the regular session in one of these equipped rooms shall be recorded and the live feed made immediately available to the public through Internet broadcast so that the public may listen and observe while the meeting is in progress.

The Legislative Affairs Agency currently has a pilot program in place, authorized by the Rules Chairs, in two of the committee rooms. These rooms were equipped at a cost of \$8,000 per room. If this legislation passes it is anticipated that the cost to equip the remaining seven committee rooms with camera equipment, associated wiring and installation services would be \$56,000. Costs for recurring broadband services will be absorbed within the Legislative Affairs Agency budget.

In order to monitor these cameras and the live Internet broadcast during the regular session, a new part time five month position at a Range 16 would be established to ensure that technical issues were addressed immediately and the Internet broadcast operated smoothly.

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Alaska State Legislature



Senator Hollis French

SB 184 – INTERNET ACCESS TO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 184 is meant to bring the workings of the legislature to every computer in Alaska. The legislation would place a webcam in every room where committee meetings are held in the State Capitol. This would ensure that Alaskans can see their legislature in action, live via internet, whenever a scheduled meeting takes place.

These webcams will add to currently available media resources in the capitol. Gavel to Gavel - partly funded by the city of Juneau – provides excellent video coverage of select committee meetings, but the service doesn't have the capacity to cover all proceedings. The current draft of the bill won't replace or duplicate the valuable service provided by Gavel to Gavel, which can be viewed on cable TV networks across the state. Instead, it will ensure that all meetings have video coverage, while also providing a broadcast to anyone with internet access.

Washington, Florida and Texas have recently implemented similar web based initiatives. We know the technology is available. Senate Bill 184 would put this technology to work for Alaskans who want to follow their state government in action.



PUBLIC BROADCASTING
FROM ALASKA'S CAPITAL

January 27, 2010

Senator Linda Menard
Senate State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Menard:

I am writing regarding SB 184, Internet Access to Legislative Committee Hearings. We understand that the bill would provide for the installation of webcams and live video streams from committee rooms.

As the producer of Gavel to Gavel Alaska, we support steps to improve electronic access to state government. One of our long term goals is to install broadcast quality television cameras throughout the capitol, to enable us to provide video on demand of all official Legislative proceedings. SB 184 would provide a good demonstration of such a service, and we stand ready to work with Legislative staff on the project, to provide a seamless, easy to use service for Alaska citizens.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide more information.

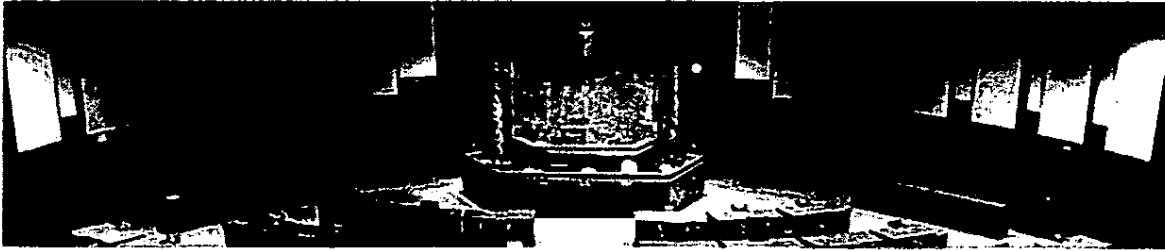
Sincerely,

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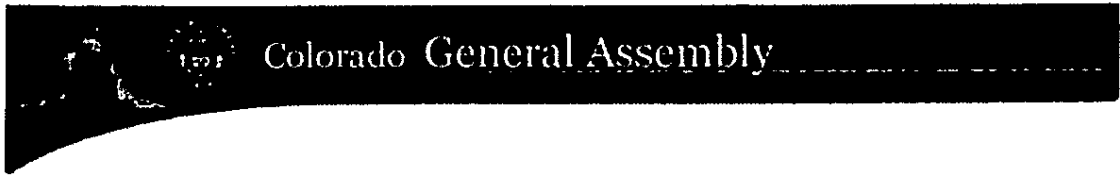
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