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TO: Senator Linda Menard
FROM: Senator Kevin Meyer *K*
DATE: February 27, 2009
RE: Request for Bill Hearing SB 113

This memo serves as a request for a committee hearing for SB 113, "An Act increasing the compensation of members of the Alaska public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date."

The following documents are attached and will be sent electronically:

- Sponsor statement
- SB 113 version 26-LS0569\A
- Back up information consisting of a side by side comparison of other compensation
- People willing to testify or answer questions: Holly Hill and Kevin Brooks from the Department of Administration.
- Staff member assigned to the bill: Christine R. Marasigan, 465-6876

This is very short and self-explanatory. As such, I have not included a sectional analysis. Once a hearing is scheduled there will be others who will want to testify to increasing compensation for volunteers who have had an increasingly complicated workload.

Please contact Christine if you have any questions please regarding this legislation.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR SENATE BILL 113

An Act increasing the compensation of members of the Alaska Public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date

The Alaska Public Offices Commission is a five member commission which administers laws upholding the public's right to know the financial affairs of lobbyists and their employers, and of candidates and public officials at the state and municipal level. APOC was established in 1974 as the "Alaska Election Campaign Office" to oversee campaign finance laws. Since its inception, the responsibilities of APOC have expanded to include public official financial disclosure and lobbyist reporting.

While APOC's responsibilities have expanded, the honorarium paid to volunteer commission members has remained the same since 1975. SB 113 makes changes to AS 15.13.020 increasing the honorarium received by APOC members from \$50 to \$150 per meeting day. SB 113 also makes technical amendments to reflect current statutory citations for payment of travel and per diem for commission members.

Members of APOC are charged with administering Alaska's campaign finance and public official financial disclosures and lobbyist reporting. These duties include:

- issuing formal advisory opinions,
- adjudicating requests to reduce civil penalties assessed by staff for late filing of disclosure reports,
- assessing penalties for noncompliance with reporting requirements,
- recommending removal from the ballot or office in accordance with law,
- adjudicating complaints through approval of settlements, civil penalty assessments.

These activities subject filers to fines, public scrutiny and can impact the reputations and livelihood of the filers. Additionally, the work completed by the agency is subject to appeal in the Superior Court. Fairly administering Alaska's disclosure laws requires a significant time investment from APOC members.

This time commitment, in some cases, results in lost income to the APOC members. The breadth and depth of APOC's work compels an increased level of compensation for the members serving on APOC. While an increase from \$50 to \$150 per meeting day does not erase the lost income of some members, it does defray the cost of serving. The increase brings APOC's honorarium in line with other state boards and commissions.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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

Identifier (file name): SB113-DOA-APOC-03-10-09 Dept. Affected: Administration
Title "An Act increasing the compensation of members of the RDU AK Public Offices Commission
Alaska Public Offices Commission..." Component AK Public Offices Commission
Sponsor Sen. MEYER
Requester (S)STA Component Number 70

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services	9.5		12.5		9.5	12.5	9.5	12.5
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	9.5	0.0	12.5	9.5	12.5	9.5	12.5	

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	9.5		12.5	9.5	12.5	9.5	12.5
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
Other Interagency Receipts							
TOTAL	9.5	0.0	12.5	9.5	12.5	9.5	12.5

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill would increase Alaska Public Office Commission (APOC) members honorarium from \$50 to \$150 per meeting day. Based on the last two calendar years APOC has been meeting more frequently to address hearings, legislation, complaints and other administrative matters. In the first half of FY09 APOC has met several times for a total of 13 days. This fiscal note reflects a cost of seven meetings, or 19 days, at an additional \$100 per meeting day for each APOC member (5 members), for a total of \$9,500 for every odd year, when a state election is not scheduled. When there is a state election scheduled, APOC meetings are anticipated to increase to 10 meetings, or 25 days, with an estimated cost of \$12,500.

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Division: Alaska Public Offices Commission
Approved by: Rachael Petro
Deputy Commissioner

Phone 907-334-1726
Date/Time 3/6/09; 12:44 p.m.
Date 3/10/2009

Board	Honorarium/Stipend	Number of Board Members	Statute Cite
Administration			
Alaska Public Offices Commission	\$50/day	5	AS 15.13.020(f)
Commerce			
Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority	Public members: \$100/day	5	AS 44.88.050(b)
Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation	Public members: \$100/day	9	AS 14.40.826(c)
Corrections			
Board of Parole	\$250/day	5	AS 33.16.040
Fish & Game			
Fish Board	\$221	7	AS 16.05.221
Game Board	\$221	7	AS 16.05.221
Labor & Workforce Development			
Workers' Compensation Appeals Commission	\$400/day	5	AS 23.30.007(k)
Workers' Compensation Board	\$50/day	19	AS 23.30.005(c)
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board	\$50/day	3	AS 18.60.057(d)
Revenue			
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority	\$200/day	7	AS 47.30.016(e)(1)
Alaska Retirement Management Board	Public members: \$400/day	9	AS 37.10.250
Permanent Fund Corporation	Public members: \$400/day	6	AS 37.13.090
Transportation			
Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority	Public members: \$300/day	7	AS 19.75.031(e)
Agencies doing their own payroll:			
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	Public members: \$100/day	7	AS 18.56.030(e)
Alaska Railroad	Appointed members: \$400/day	7	AS 42.40.050(a)
Alaska Commercial Fishing and Agriculture Bank	\$250/day	7 - 9	AS 44.81.020(f)

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Department of Administration

Alaska Public Offices Commission

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March 6, 2009

The Honorable Senator Kevin Meyer
Alaska State Senate
Capitol Building Room 101
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: SB 113, Alaska Public Offices Commission honorarium

Dear Senator Meyer:

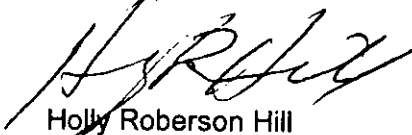
I have been asked by your staff to comment on SB 113 that would amend AS 15.13.020(f) to increase the honorarium for the commissioners on the Alaska Public Offices Commission from \$50 per meeting to \$150. The honorarium has not been increased since the Commission was created in 1974. I believe that this increase is warranted to help offset the loss of time and income each commissioner encounters while serving on the Commission.

The Alaska Public Offices Commission is responsible for administering Alaska's disclosure statutes regarding the activities of election campaigns, public officials, lobbyists and lobbyist employers. In addition, the APOC hears complaints for alleged violations of the statutes, issues advisory opinions and adopts regulations.

During the last year, the average length of each regular meeting was more than seven hours, which translates into less than \$7.00 per hour, and does not include the preparation time required for each meeting which often exceeds one full day. The commissioners serve because they are dedicated public servants and not for the honorarium. Nonetheless, I feel it is appropriate to raise the honorarium given that it has not changed in over 30 years.

Please contact me if I can provide you additional information about the Public Offices Commission and the need to increase the honorarium under SB 113.

Sincerely,



Holly Roberson Hill
Executive Director

cc: Commission Members

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 2/19/09

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 3/12/09

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 113

SB 113 INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR APOC MEMBERS

"An Act increasing the compensation of members of the Alaska Public Offices Commission; and providing for an effective date."

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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HOUSE BILL:	
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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet	Zero	FN#
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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