

HB

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333</SUBJECT><COMM>SSTA27</COMM></TARGET>

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/21/12

FURTHER: Rules

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4-11-12

State Affairs Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 333(STA)

HB 333-CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS/POET ACCTS

"An Act relating to the disposition of certain unused campaign contributions; and relating to public office expense term accounts and public office expense term account reserves."

and recommends:

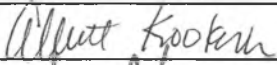
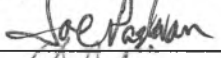
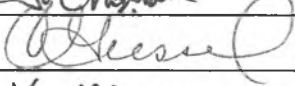
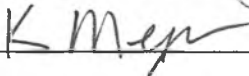

- be replaced with SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- adopt previous SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change
 New Title/SCR No. _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LEG
CED	LAW
COR	LWF
CRT	MVA
EED	DNR
DEC	DPS
DFG	REV
GOV	DOT
DHS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
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ADM			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Kookesh	✓			
	Paskvat	✓			
	Giesse	✓			
	Meyer	✓			
CHAIR: 	Wielechowski	X			

Representative Mike Hawker

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TO: Senator Bill Wielechowski , Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Mike Hawker

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MH".

DATE: March 21, 2012

RE: House Bill 333

I request that House Bill 333, which would eliminate the *reserve* for the Public Office Expense Term (POET) account, be scheduled for a hearing at your earliest convenience.

I have attached a Sponsor Statement, copy of the bill, sectional analysis, and background information.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information. You can also call my legislative aide Juli Lucky at 465-3733.

Representative Mike Hawker

Alaska State Legislature



House Bill 333 Sponsor Statement

"An Act relating to the disposition of certain unused campaign contributions; and relating to public office expense term accounts and public office expense term account reserves."

House Bill 333 eliminates the reserve account for a legislator's Public Office Expense Term (POET) account, streamlining recordkeeping and removing barriers to when POET funds may be spent. Statutory limitations on POET funds, themselves, are unchanged, including how much can be transferred from a campaign account, how the funds can be spent and how any unused funds are disposed at the end of a legislator's term of office. There would also be no change to the accounting or reporting requirements.

The process in current statute is cumbersome, requiring the legislator to transfer anything more than \$5,000 as a lump sum from the campaign account to a *reserve* account, then annually transfer a limited amount to the POET account. Since expenditures from the POET account are restricted to office expenses and publicly reported each year, repealing the POET *reserve* removes an unnecessary hurdle and duplicate accounting without compromising accountability to the public for the legitimate use of those funds.

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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Version CSHB 333(STA)
 Fiscal Note Number 1
 (H) Publish Date 3/15/12

Identifier (file name) HB333-DOA-APOC-3-10-12 Dept. Affected Administration
 Title Public Office Expense Term Accounts Appropriation Alaska Public Offices Commission
 Allocation Alaska Public Offices Commission
 Sponsor Representative Hawker and Gruenberg
 Requester House State Affairs OMB Component Number 70

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES							

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Not applicable, initial version

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FISCAL NOTE #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2012 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 333(STA)

Analysis

Analysis

HB 333 describes how to deal with POET account funds at the end of a state legislator's term.

Assumptions

As written it applies only to state legislators and not to municipal office holders who also have POET accounts.

Program Summary

This bill has no fiscal impact on APOC.