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HB 407 — APOC; Campaign Contributions/Reporting

Sponsor Statement

The Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) has seen a 42.4% reduction in UGF since the FY15 management plan, resulting in the loss of six positions. HB 407 would streamline reporting requirements to allow APOC to operate more efficiently within the current budgetary restraints.

HB 407 increases APOC efficiency by easing the auditing requirements, allowing APOC to exercise discretion when reviewing reports and statements, eliminating duplicative reporting, extending response times for advisory opinions, and extending small campaign reporting exemptions to groups. HB 407 also brings the statute in line with current practice, reflecting that APOC does not maintain offices in every Senate district.

APOC provides an important public service ensuring the enforcement of campaign finance ethics requirements. HB 407 allows APOC to complete their mission more efficiently and cost effectively.

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Sectional Analysis

Section 1: This section directs APOC to establish a central office and removes the requirement that APOC to have an office in every Senate district.

Section 2: This section eases the report auditing requirements by removing the word “all.” The change allows APOC to strategically select reports and statements to audit.

Section 3: This section inserts “calendar” to clarify confusion on the definition of year in regards to reporting contributions.

Section 4: This section extends the small campaign reporting exemptions to “groups” in addition to individuals. The minimum threshold for groups to report would be raising or expending \$2,500 in a calendar year.

Section 5: This section renumbers the statute to accommodate the changes in Section 4.

Section 6: This section inserts “calendar” to clarify confusion on the definition of year in regards to the cap on candidates’ acceptance of cash contributions.

Section 7: This section inserts “calendar” to clarify confusion on the definition of year in regards to the cap on donating cash contributions.

Section 8: This section allows APOC seven business days, rather than seven calendar days, to provide an advisory opinion.

Section 9: This section requires that APOC statements and reports must be available on the commission’s website and in hard copy at the central office. It removes the requirement that the Lieutenant Governor, the Legislative Reference Library, and the district offices maintain hard copies in line with the changes in Section 1.

Section 10: This section requires that copies of reports which must be preserved under statute need to be available on the commission's website and in hard copy at the central office in line with the changes in Section 9.

Section 11: This section eliminates duplicative reporting of contributions to ballot initiatives by removing the requirement that donors self-report in addition to the campaign's report.

Section 12: This section sets an effective date of January 1, 2019, after the conclusion of the current election cycle.

Fiscal Note

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2018 Legislative Session

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Identifier: HB407-DOA-APOC-04-02-18
Title: APOC; CAMPAIGN
CONTRIBUTIONS/REPORTING
Sponsor: STATE AFFAIRS
Requester: H (STA)

Department: Department of Administration
Appropriation: Alaska Public Offices Commission
Allocation: Alaska Public Offices Commission
OMB Component Number: 70

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2019 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
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	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **No**
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable; initial version.

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Agency:	Administration		

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 407

Analysis

HB 407 clarifies filer reporting requirements; clarifies cash contribution limits; extends reporting exemption to political groups who raise and spend no more than \$2,500 in a calendar year; clarifies size requirements for political communication identifiers; removes duplicative reporting requirement for contributors who give to ballot and initiative proposal groups; eases auditing requirements and extends the deadline for draft advisory opinions.

Proposed changes would be incorporated into existing training materials and daily operations. The agency anticipates no fiscal impact; therefore, APOC submits a zero fiscal note.

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Section 7: This section provides standardized rules to ensure the readability of “paid for” lines in campaign communications.

Section 8: This section extends by three days the time allowed for APOC to provide an advisory opinion.

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