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**Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 16**

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**Bill Version: CSSB 16 (CRA)**

**Sponsor: Senator Gene Therriault**

**Short Title: EXTEND REGULATORY COMMISSION OF ALASKA**

**Summary:**

- Extends the termination date of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to June 30, 2013.
- Requires the Legislative Audit Division to conduct a biennial audit on information contained in the RCA's annual reports for the purpose of complying with timeline extension provisions and other performance measures.

**Benefits:**

- Extending the Commission protects consumer interests and promotes economic development.

**Background:**

- The Regulatory Commission of Alaska is located within the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community & Economic Development. The RCA regulates public utilities by certifying qualified providers of public utility and pipeline services, and ensuring that they provide safe and adequate services and facilities at just and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions. State law requires the Division of Legislative Audit to assess the public need for a given board, commission, agency or program subject to the sunset review process according to criteria set out in AS 44.66.050. In Audit Control Number 08-20048-06, the division concludes that the RCA meets a valid public policy need, and recommends that the Commission be extended.