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### HB 349 Sponsor Statement

This legislation creates a statutory framework for leasing land from the State of Alaska for the purpose of renewable energy production. This bill would set the same standard for non-resource extraction energy production as oil and gas production, thus creating a uniform policy environment for all types of energy.

Alaska needs developments in energy. The state has an established oil and gas development process, which is attractive to investors. Conversely, without a framework for renewables, each project must be handled on a case-by-case basis, discouraging potential companies from entering the market. This legislation would enable the “all-of-the above” approach to energy development that Governor Dunleavy stated Alaska needs.

Private investment in energy will lower the cost for Alaskans, creating savings for households, and encouraging development for private and public sectors alike. Consistent with other state leases, this policy retains the state’s ability to lease this land for mining, and reserves access for recreation, subsistence, hunting, and other public uses.