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Senate Bill 190 Sectional Analysis

"An Act relating to the retrofitting of certain public facilities and community facilities; relating to the performance of energy audits on schools and community facilities; and relating to the duties of the Alaska Energy Authority and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation."

Section 1: Outlines the legislative intent that the energy audits and retrofits outlined in this legislation be financed using a service performance contracting mechanism wherein upfront construction costs are paid for by a third party, either using Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's energy efficiency loan programs or by a contracting company, with those costs paid back using guaranteed energy savings from those retrofits.

Section 2: Adds to statutes regarding the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to coordinate with the Alaska Energy Authority when performing energy audits for community buildings eligible for Power Cost Equalization over 5,000 square feet.

Section 3: Gives the Alaska Energy Authority, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and the Department of Transportation the authority to perform energy audits on community facilities eligible to receive Power Cost Equalization above 5,000 square feet. These are the three state entities with expertise or funding streams dedicated to performing energy audits or energy retrofits.

Section 4: Requires that public schools receive energy audits on the same schedule as other public buildings as required by the Alaska Sustainable Energy Act, which passed in to law in 2010.

Section 5: Defines those public school, excluding charter schools, eligible for energy retrofits.

Section 6: Outlines coordination between the Alaska Energy Authority and the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to perform audits of PCE-eligible community facilities.

Section 7: Since this legislation extends the universe of public buildings requiring energy audits, the deadline date for those audits is pushed back to 2025.

Section 8: Expands the buildings included as "public facilities" to include educational buildings like schools and reduces the minimum size for buildings to be considered for retrofits down to 5,000 square feet.

Section 9: Adds to the section of Alaska Statute governing the Alaska Energy Authority a section which requires all PCE-eligible public facilities to receive an energy audit every seven years, unless the facility managers refuse the energy audit. AEA will work with the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to identify public and private funding sources and perform the audits.