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## <u>CSSB140 28-LS1246\R</u> <u>Arctic Infrastructure Development Fund (AIDF)</u> <u>Sectional Analysis</u>

Section 1. AS 44.88.088(a) is amended

- Page 1, Line 5 thru Page 2, Line 19.
  - This section establishes that the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) shall adopt a policy for payment of a dividend from the Arctic infrastructure development fund (AS 44.88.810) to the state each fiscal year.
  - The dividend may not be less than 25% nor more than 50% of the net income of the fund.
  - This puts the AIDF in-line with AIDEA's revolving fund and sustainable energy transmission and supply development fund (SETS).

Section 2. AS 44.88.088(b)(2) is amended

- Page 2, Lines 20-29
  - This section defines "net income" for the purposes of this chapter.
  - The definition now includes the AIDF.

Section 3. AS 44.88.088(b)(3) is amended

- Page 2, line 30 thru Page 3, line 7
  - This section defines "unrestricted net income" for the purposes of this chapter.
  - The definition now includes the AIDF

**Sections 4-8** AS 44.88.159(a)(b)(d)(e)(f) are amended

- Page 3, Line 8 thru Page 5, Line 6
  - These sections make conforming changes to include loans from the Arctic Infrastructure Development fund to existing statues regarding interest rates and other requirements for loans from funds managed by AIDEA.
  - These changes place the same requirements on the AIDF that currently exist for the revolving fund and the SETS fund.

Section 9 AS 44.88.159(g) is amended

- Page 5, lines 7-27
  - This section adds the AIDF to the types of programs to pay borrowers of loan participation the Authority may establish.
  - This places the AIDF in parallel with the existing revolving fund and SETS fund.

Section 10 AS 44.88 is amended to add a new section

- Page 5, line 29 thru Page 6, line 1 (AS 44.88.800)
  - This section establishes the Arctic Infrastructure Development Program and fund.
    - The purpose of this fund is to provide financing for Arctic Infrastructure development.
- Page 6, line 2-16 (AS 44.88.810)
  - This section defines what the fund consists of:
    - Direct appropriations made by the legislature
    - Money or assets transferred to the fund by AIDEA from any other fund controlled by AIDEA
      - These transfers would require a majority vote by the members of the authority- essentially an action by the Board of Directors
    - Unrestricted loan repayments
    - Interest
    - Other income earned by the fund
    - Investment or assets of the fund.
  - This section also allows separate accounts to be established within the fund and managed by AIDEA
  - This section establishes the AIDF and clarifies that it is not part of the revolving fund.
- Page 6, lines 17-17 (AS 44.88.820)
  - Clarifies that the fund will be used for Arctic Infrastructure development.
- Page 6, lines 20 thru Page 7, line 14 (AS 44.88.830)\
  - Establishes the Powers and Duties of the authority regarding the AIDF
  - This section mirrors the Powers and Duties of the Revolving Fund and the SETS fund.
  - Allows AIDEA to use the AIDF for:
    - Finance Arctic Infrastructure development
    - Insure project obligations
    - Guarantee loans or bonds
    - Establish reserves.

- Acquire real or personal property by
  - Purchase, transfer, or foreclosure
- Defer principle payments or capitalize interest on Arctic Infrastructure development
- Enter into lease agreements, sales-lease-back agreements, build-operatetransfer and operate-transfer agreements or similar financing agreements
- Enter into agreements with government entities for the transfer and control of infrastructure, facilities, rights-of-way, and studies
- Allows contract services
- Allows the fund to borrow money or issue bonds
- o Directs AIDEA to establish regulations to implement the fund
- Page 7, lines 15-26 (AS 44.88.840)
  - Establishes the limitations on financing in the AIDF
  - Provides that legislative authority would be needed to go beyond the limitations set forth in this section, the Authority may not use the AIDF to make the following:
    - A loan for more than 1/3 of the capital cost of the development
    - A loan guarantee if the amount of the guarantee exceeds \$20 Million
    - Financing for more than 40yrs
    - Notwithstanding (a) of this section (legislative approval) the Authority can use the fund as security for a bond guarantee.

Section 11. AS 44.88.900 is amended

- Page 7, lines 28-31
  - Defines "Arctic" in a geographical boundary similar to the boundary set forth in the Arctic Region Policy Act (ARPA)
    - North of the Arctic Circle
    - North and West of the boundary formed by the Porcupine, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Rivers
    - All contiguous seas including
      - The Arctic Ocean
      - Beaufort, Bering and Chukchi Seas
      - The Aleutian Chain
- Page 8, Lines 1-6
  - o Defines "Arctic Infrastructure development"