

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## SUMMARY OF CHANGES

*CSHB 173 (STA) – Climate Change Commission*

The blank CS for House Bill 173 makes three changes to the original bill.

- 1. Removed sections 1-4 relating to the oil surcharge.**
- 2. Removed section 44.19.666 creating the Climate Change Response Fund**
- 3. Section 44.19.662, sub-section 3, line 14-15, removed the words “in the climate change response fund”. The sub-section now reads “develop a program for the distribution of funds to assist local governments to respond to climate change effects.”**

Essentially, funding from both the general fund as well as the oil surcharge have been removed. Under this CS, the commission would run solely off of grant funding and user fees.

Grant writing services or other assistance provided by the commission would serve as the vehicle for these fees. Clients of the commission includes governmental and non-governmental entities, and non-profits. (Sections 44.19.660, 44.19.664).

It would be left up to the commission to decide upon the implementation of these fees, although they must be on a sliding scale based on need, and governmental and tribal entities may not be charged. (Section 44.19.664), (AS 44.62).