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SB 190 - Sectional Analysis

Extending the Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Section 1: Page 1, Lines 6-14, Page 2, Line 1

This section adds intent language that the Regulatory Commission of Alaska shall adopt regulations specific to refuse utilities to provide for sufficient public notice and time for ratepayers to meaningfully comment on rate filings. Additionally adds intent language relating to information in the decision-making process of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska and outlining that it is not the intent of the changes in section 4 to interfere with normal rate-making methodologies.

Section 2: AS 42.05.381(e) Page 2, Lines 2-12

This section amends AS 42.05.381(e) to include refuse utilities. AS 42.05.381(e) is the section of law that provides for a simplified rate filing procedure.

Section 3: AS 42.05.641 Page 2, Lines 13-20

This section increases the Regulatory Commission of Alaska's regulatory obligations to explicitly include municipal refuse utilities.

Section 4: AS 42.05.641 Page 2, Lines 21-31, Page 3 Lines 1-14

This section obligates the Regulatory Commission of Alaska to oversee the privatization of a municipal refuse utility and review privatization proposals. This new section also outlines the contents required in the proposals including consideration of consumers rates, a business plan that lists perspective vendors, projected cost of privatization compared to continued municipal operations for 10 years, and potential conflicts of interest by municipal officers.

The proposals also must include proposed methods for evaluating the utilities performance to avoid diminished service quality, interruption, or stoppage of work by the contractor, ways to encouraging completion, monitoring contractor issues relating to contract renewals, and address municipal employee displacement.

This section also provides a definition of privatize.

Section 5: AS 42.05.990(6) Page 3, Lines 15-31, Page 4, Lines 1-14

This section adds municipal refuse utilities to the definition of "public utility" or "utility" found in AS 42.05.990(6).

Section 6: AS 44.66.010(a)(3) Page 4, Lines 13-15

This section extends the termination date for the Regulatory Commission of Alaska until June 30, 2030.

Section 7: AS 24.20.271(11) Page 4, Line 16

This section repeals AS 24.20.271(11), a requirement for the legislative audit division to conduct an audit every two years of information found in the annual reports regarding compliance by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

Section 8: Page 4, Line 17

This section establishes an immediate effective date.

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