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Senate Bill 190—Extend Regulatory Commission of Alaska

Explanation of Changes

Version W to Version O

Title Change:

Adds “relating to municipal refuse utilities” to the title.

Section 1:

Additional intent language is added 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 to interfere with normal rate-making methodologies.

Section 3: AS 42.05.641

This section is added to increase the Regulatory Commission of Alaska regulatory obligations to explicitly include municipal refuse utilities.

Section 4: AS 42.05.641

This section is added to obligate 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)

This section is added to included municipal refuse utilities to the definition of “public utility” or “utility” found in AS 42.05.990(6).

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