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Senate Bill 152

Community Energy Facilities

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Sectional Analysis

Section 1 gives the bill the short title “the Saving Alaskans Money with Voluntary Clean Energy Act.”

Section 2 adds new statutory sections relating to community energy facilities.

AS 42.05.725 states that this bill applies only to economically regulated electric utilities that are subject to net metering regulations adopted by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA).

AS 42.05.727 requires utilities to offer a community energy program and submit a community energy tariff to the RCA for approval that will govern their community energy program.

AS 42.05.729 requires the RCA to set rates for community energy facilities and requires utilities to credit subscribers with their proportional share on each monthly billing cycle.

AS 42.05.731 establishes the authority and duties of the RCA to implement and regulate community energy programs.

- Subsection (a) allows the RCA to waive or modify the requirements of this bill.
- Subsection (b) allows the RCA to adopt regulations governing safety, power quality, and interconnection standards for community energy projects.
- Subsection (c) requires the RCA to establish interconnection standards, permit utilities to recover reasonable costs for administering community energy programs, facilitate the creation and financing of community energy programs, and require that employees constructing facilities be paid prevailing wages.
- Subsection (d) establishes that community energy programs and subscribers may not be considered utilities by the RCA.

AS 42.05.735 provides definitions of terms used in the bill.

Section 3 requires the RCA to adopt regulations necessary to implement this bill within one year of its effective date.