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Senate Bill 152

Community Energy Facilities

Summary of Changes Version B to Draft CS Version U

The bill was shortened and streamlined in consultation with utilities and other stakeholders.

A new Section 1 was added giving the bill the short title “the Saving Alaskans Money with Voluntary Community Energy (SAVE) Act.”

Throughout the bill, provisions that restated net metering provisions that currently exist in Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA) regulations were removed. In new AS 42.05.725 the language related to exemptions was replaced with a provision that this bill does not apply to utilities that are exempt from net metering requirements adopted by the RCA.

In new AS 42.05.727 the term “community energy plan” is replaced with “community energy tariff.” The limit of 50 megawatts of power from community energy facilities was removed from this section, and instead this limit would be set by the utilities and the RCA through community energy tariffs and regulations.

New Section 42.05.729 was shortened to simply state that the RCA will adopt rates for community energy facilities that reflect the full economic value provided and do not have a negative effect on other ratepayers. Language was added that the RCA may adopt different rates for facilities that provide battery storage.

New AS 42.05.731 was renamed from “Authority of the commission” to “Authority and duties of the commission.” Provisions were added to this section to clarify the RCA’s role in ensuring the implementation of community energy programs. The language related to prevailing wages for construction of community energy facilities that was previously in new AS. 42.05.733 was moved to this section.

New AS 42.05.733 was removed from the bill.

In new AS 42.05.735, terms that are no longer used in the bill were removed and the definition of “subscriber” was updated to limit it to residential ratepayers and commercial ratepayers with monthly demand of less than 50 kilowatt-hours.