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HB 153 – Utilities: Renewable Portfolio Standards
Explanation of Changes for Proposed HENE Committee
Substitute (LS0501\G)

Sec. 5 AS 42.05.900(1) - Extends the 40% target date from 12/31/30 to 12/31/32.

Sec. 42.05.905(b) – Clarifies the process for calculating energy produced and used by a customer, which includes the multiplier of 2.

Sec. 42.05.905(d) – Replaces “energy efficiency investments” with “investments in energy efficiency technologies”. Also allows energy investments through programs that are established or approved by the state.

Sec. 42.05.910 – Section clarifies renewable portfolio credit use within the load-serving entities that are subject to the electric reliability organization, or Railbelt utilities. This language change is also reflected in Sec. 42.05.905(c).

Sec. 42.05.915(g) – Allows for a utility to use any noncompliance fee, whether they have reached the 40% threshold or not, to defray the costs of building future renewable electricity projects, integrating renewable electricity projects, including battery storage, into the load-serving entity’s systems, or purchasing renewable electricity. Funds shall be spent by 2035 for the first target threshold and 2040 for the second target threshold. Any unspent funds shall be remitted into the account to the Alaska Energy Authority for deposit in the Alaska Renewable Energy Grant Fund. Replaces “fine” with “remittance” to establish a difference from standard penalties levied by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

Sec. 42.05.925 – Definitions

(2) Adds a community energy facility as defined in AS 42.05.735 under the definition of “distributed energy system”.

(7) Modifies the definition “renewable energy resource” to mean a resource, other than fossil fuel.

(7)(B)(ii) Removes the requirement that landfill gas be produced by municipal solid waste.

Removes all reference to power cost equalization (PCE) communities:

Removes the ability to purchase Renewable Electricity Credits from an electric utility that serves customers who receive PCE. Removes the exemption of revenue from the sale of recovered heat or revenue from the sale of renewable energy credits from the PCE calculation.