

AIDEA statutes regarding Regional Resource Advisory Council project approval

Sec. 44.88.095. Bonding limitations.

(e) Before entering into an agreement to finance or to develop a proposed project financed under AS 44.88.172 for which bonds must be issued, the authority shall obtain the approval of each Regional Resource Advisory Council appointed under AS 44.88.174 or municipality in the area in which the proposed project is to be located. Approval under this subsection must be evidenced by a certified copy of a resolution of the council or of the governing body of the municipality. Before considering a resolution regarding the approval or rejection of the development or financing of a proposed project under this subsection, a Regional Resource Advisory Council shall conduct a public hearing in the region. If a proposed project is located in a municipality, the governing body of the municipality shall conduct a hearing on the proposed project.

(f) Before entering into an agreement to finance or to develop a proposed project financed under AS 44.88.172 for which bonds must be issued, the authority shall compile and make available to the public a document that summarizes the projected economic, social, and environmental effects of the project; and, in conjunction with the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the authority shall conduct a public hearing on the projected effects of the project.

Sec. 44.88.174. Regional resource advisory council.

(a) Within 30 days after the authority adopts a resolution certifying that a project in the unorganized borough is eligible for financing under AS 44.88.172, the governor shall appoint a Regional Resource Advisory Council in the area of the state where the project is to be located and for which a regional housing authority has been established under AS 18.55.996. The purpose of a council is to assist the authority in reviewing a project that has been proposed for development in its area of the state.

(b) A Regional Resource Advisory Council consists of five members registered to vote in the region. The governor shall appoint the members to reflect the economic and geographic diversity of the region. Council members serve three-year terms at the pleasure of the governor, except that the initial members may be appointed for less than three years so that the term of at least one of the members expires each year. The governor shall appoint a chairperson who shall call meetings as required and preside over the deliberations of the council. A majority of the council constitutes a quorum for conducting the business of the council.

(c) Members of a Regional Resource Advisory Council do not receive compensation for their services on the council, but are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for state boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.