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Sectional Analysis **House Bill 196** **Renewable Energy Grant Fund**

Section 1: Amends AS 38.95.430, created by Senate Bill 48 passed by the 33rd Legislature, to make carbon offset revenue deposited in the Renewable Energy Grant Fund subject to appropriation. Currently, 20 percent of carbon offset revenue is deposited into the Renewable Energy Grant Fund automatically. The 20 percent reservation will still exist in statute under this bill.

Section 2: Adds language clarifying that the purpose of the Renewable Energy Grant Fund is to provide affordable energy to all communities in Alaska.

Section 3: Amends AS 43.45.045(b) to flip the way the Renewable Energy Grant Fund works. Instead of a fund requiring appropriations out of the fund, as it exists in current law, the new language would require appropriations into the fund.

Section 4: Amends AS 43.45.045(d) to reflect changes made in Section 3 of the bill, requiring the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), with input still required from the Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Committee (REFAC) and the Department of Natural Resources, to create a methodology for reviewing and making determinations on grant applications for renewable energy projects. AEA will be required to annually report to the Legislature with explanations of their decisions to approve or deny grants. Section 4 additionally requires the AEA to provide communities with populations smaller than 2,000 technical assistance with grant preparation, and to annually solicit and review grant applications to the REF.

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Section 5: Section 5 further implements the changes in Section 3. The AEA will now be empowered to make grants directly to applicants. AEA will be required to solicit funding recommendations from REFAC before making grant determinations.

Section 6: Removes the word “recommendation” from AS 42.45.045(f), which sets the qualifications for projects seeking REF funding, to reflect AEA’s authority to make grant determinations under the bill.

Section 7: Removes the word “recommendation” from AS 42.45.045(g), which sets the qualifications for natural gas projects seeking REF funding, to reflect AEA’s authority to make grant determinations under the bill.

Section 8: Amends AS 42.45.045(h) to reflect AEA’s authority to make grant determinations under the bill.

Section 9: Repeals and reenacts AS 42.45.045(k). The new AS 42.45.045(k) confirms that AEA can spend money appropriated to the Renewable Energy Grant Fund on grants for renewable energy projects that meet the qualifications in current law. The language also clarifies that money appropriated to the Renewable Energy Grant Fund does not lapse.

Section 10: Requires the REFAC to elect a chair from among its members, sets the term length and term limits for the REFAC chair, and establishes that the REFAC will meet at the call of the chair.

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