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Senate Bill 180 (version A)

Sponsor Statement

*"An Act relating to the regulation of liquefied natural gas import facilities by the
Regulatory Commission of Alaska."*

Senate Bill 180 would repeal AS 42.05.711(v). The repeal returns the Regulatory Commission of Alaska authority to regulate the import of liquefied natural gas.

This bill is needed to protect consumers and guarantee the lowest energy rates for rate payers as Alaska looks to import liquefied natural gas.

The legislation does not expand RCA jurisdiction to a privately held import terminal. It merely lifts the cloud on RCA jurisdiction over certificated utilities' gas supply contracts from an LNG import terminal. This will treat those gas supply contracts the same as a supply contracts from a Cook Inlet producer.

Prior to the previous Legislature, the Regulatory Commission of Alaska had the authority to regulate the import of liquefied natural gas. This bill would simply give that authority back to the Commission.