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Sectional Summary **HB 31 – Net Metering**

The following is a sectional summary of HB 31 and is not an authoritative representation of the bill. For an authoritative interpretation, please refer to the bill itself.

Section 1: amends AS 42.45 which establishes rural and statewide energy programs.

Subsection (a) creates a net metering option for customers operating an energy production facility.

Subsection (b) allows customers to acquire credits when the customer's energy facility generates more energy than the customer consumes. The retail supplier of energy credits customers in kilowatt-hours. Credits may be applied by the customer towards the following billing periods.

Subsection (c) allows customers to sell energy credits not used towards the next month's bill back to the retail supplier. Credit prices are to be determined and approved by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska.

Subsection (d) exempts retail suppliers organized as cooperatives from net metering requirements. The exemption may be waived upon a majority vote of the membership of the cooperative, effectively allowing cooperatives to "opt-in" to the net metering program.

Subsection (e) exempts from net metering requirements any retail electricity supplier that generates 100 percent of its power from alternative energy systems.

Section 2: provides for an effective date.