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MEMORANDUM

February 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Sectional summary of HB 148 (Work Order No. 26-LS0528\P)

TO: Representative Les Gara
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FROM: Brian J. Kane **BJK**
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You have requested a sectional summary of HB 148, a bill relating to a state energy use reduction plan and energy efficiency improvement contracts and to energy audits of public buildings conducted by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities; relating to agency capital budget requests; and establishing an energy efficiency grant fund in the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

Please note that a sectional summary of a bill is not an authoritative interpretation of a bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of the bill states the legislative intent for the bill.

Section 2 adds the administering of grants from the energy efficiency fund to the duties of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation.

Section 3 of the bill creates the energy efficiency grant fund, providing for the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation to make grants to municipalities, unincorporated communities, school districts, and the University of Alaska for energy efficiency improvements and enhancement. This section also sets qualifications and priorities regarding grants awarded from the energy efficiency grant fund.

Section 4 of the bill amends the authority of the supreme court in regard to court buildings so that the supreme court must comply with the state energy use reduction plan.

Section 5 of the bill amends the Executive Budget Act to state that an agency requesting an appropriation in excess of \$1,000,000 for capital improvements must submit to the legislature a report including the most recent energy audit report, a proposal for energy efficiency improvements, and a cost-savings analysis.

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Section 6 of the bill requires the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to submit to the legislature a report each year summarizing the energy audits conducted under AS 44.42.065.

Section 7 of the bill instructs the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to prepare and adopt a state energy use reduction plan and to consider the use of performance energy contracts, if cost-effective.

Section 8 of the bill requires the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to submit a report to the legislature no later than January 31, 2010, that summarizes information gathered and recommendations made by the department related to the department's most recent energy audit.

Section 9 of the bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2010.

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