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HOUSE BILL NO.

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY**Introduced:****Referred:****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act declaring a state energy policy."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * Section 1. AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 44.99.115. Declaration of state energy policy.** The State of Alaska
5 recognizes that the state's economic prosperity is dependent on available, reliable, and
6 affordable residential, commercial, and industrial energy supplies. The state also
7 recognizes that worldwide supply and demand for fossil fuels and concerns about
8 global climate change will affect the price of fossil fuels consumed by Alaskans and
9 exported from the state to other markets. Therefore, it is the policy of the state to

10 (1) institute a comprehensive and coordinated approach to supporting
11 energy efficiency and conservation by

12 (A) pursuing, promoting, and rewarding energy efficiency and
13 conservation;

14 (B) promoting statewide energy efficiency codes for new and
15 renovated residential, commercial, and public buildings;

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1 (C) decreasing public building energy consumption through
2 conservation measures and energy-efficient technologies; and

3 (D) initiating and supporting a program to educate state
4 residents on the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation, including
5 dissemination of information on state and federal programs that reward energy
6 efficiency;

7 (2) encourage economic development by

8 (A) promoting the development of renewable energy resources,
9 including geothermal, wind, solar, hydroelectric, hydrokinetic, tidal, and
10 biomass energy, for use by Alaskans and for export;

11 (B) promoting the development of nonrenewable energy
12 resources, including natural gas, coal, oil, gas hydrates, heavy oil, and nuclear
13 energy, for use by Alaskans and for export;

14 (C) working to identify and assist with development of the
15 most cost-effective, long-term sources of energy for each community
16 statewide;

17 (D) creating and maintaining a state fiscal regime that
18 encourages private sector development of the state's energy resources;

19 (3) support energy research, education, and workforce development by

20 (A) promoting training and education programs that focus on
21 developing a comprehensive understanding of energy, including programs
22 addressing conservation, energy efficiency, supply and demand, and energy-
23 related workforce development;

24 (B) investing in applied energy research to achieve near-term
25 reductions in energy costs and spur industry investment in the state related to
26 emerging technologies;

27 (C) researching and preventing the negative effects of global
28 climate change on Alaska and considering those effects when making energy-
29 related choices;

30 (4) coordinate governmental functions by

31 (A) reviewing and streamlining regulatory processes and

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- 1 balancing the economic costs of review with the level of review necessary to
- 2 protect the public interest;
- 3 (B) coordinating the state's energy-related functions to avoid
- 4 duplication and increase effectiveness;
- 5 (C) collaborating with federal agencies to achieve the state's
- 6 energy goals.