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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 ^{to supply the state's electric heat & transportation needs.} 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. ^{likely increase} Therefore, it is the policy of the state to ^{the state also recognizes the immensal diversity of the state's geography, culture & resource availability.} ~~states~~ ^{states} geography, culture & resource availability.

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) ^{establishing} promoting statewide energy efficiency codes for new and

15 renovated residential, commercial, and public buildings;

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

(D) initiating and supporting a program to educate state residents on the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation, including dissemination of information on state and federal programs that ^{offer incentives for} reward energy efficiency;

(2) encourage economic development by

(A) promoting the development of renewable energy resources, including geothermal, wind, solar, hydroelectric, hydrokinetic, tidal, and biomass energy, for use by Alaskans and for export; ^{transport and efficient use}

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

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

(D) creating and maintaining ^{creating or maintaining incentives that provide} a state fiscal regime that encourages private sector development of the state's energy resources; ^{Long-term certainty and}

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

^{Invest in training and education programs that address energy conservation efficiency & availability, including programs addressing workforce development & workforce transition} (A) ~~promoting training and education programs that focus on developing a comprehensive understanding of energy, including programs addressing conservation, energy efficiency, supply and demand, and energy-related workforce development;~~

(B) investing in applied energy research ^{and development of emerging technologies} to achieve near-term reductions in energy costs and ^{stimulate} spur industry investment in the state related to emerging technologies;

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

(4) coordinate governmental functions by ^{guiding}

(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 *fragmenting* (B) coordinating the state's energy-related functions to avoid
4 duplication and *to* increase effectiveness;

5 *Actively* (C) collaborating with federal agencies to achieve the state's
6 energy goals, *and to meet national emission and renewable energy*

production targets.

*through a designated
state energy officer*