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Sponsor Statement – HB 306

“An act creating a state energy policy”

Creating a state energy policy is one of the first steps to meeting the state’s energy current and future needs. A comprehensive energy policy in statute will serve as a blueprint for future generations of Alaskans.

The House Special Committee on Energy Co-chairs Rep. Bryce Edgmon, D-Dillingham and Rep. Charisse Millett, R-Anchorage used a unique method to draft the bill - they didn’t write it.

Instead, they assembled a diverse group of Alaskans with decades of experience in energy policy to come together and write what they believed would make a good energy policy for Alaska.

Sixteen respected Alaskans participated in The House Energy Stakeholders Group:

Gwen Holdmann, Alaska Center for Energy & Power
Robert Venables, Southeast Conference
Scott Goldsmith, ISER
Jason Brune, Resource Development Council
John Davies, Alaska Cold Climate Housing Research Center
Ralph Anderson, Bristol Bay Native Association
Bill Popp, Anchorage Economic Development Council
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Caitlin Higgins, Alaska Conservation Alliance
Stacy Schubert, Municipality of Anchorage
Kathie Wasserman, Alaska Municipal League
Marilyn Leland, Alaska Power Authority

Meera Kohler, Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
Ron Miller, Energy Consultant
Chris Rose, Renewable Energy Alaska Project

The result of their hard work is House Bill 306. The draft energy policy carries five core fundamental principles to guide the state moving forward:

- Promote energy efficiency and conservation
- Promote development of renewable and non-renewable energy resources
- Promote economic development through cost-effective, long-term sources of energy for communities statewide
- Support energy research, education, and workforce development
- Support coordination of governmental functions, which promotes streamlining of regulatory processes and overall coordination of efforts by all levels of government

If passed, Alaska will join many other states in having a statewide energy policy on the books.

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