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Changes to CS SB 220 (RES) in CS SB 220 (FIN)

The following changes reference the "O" version of SB 220 and are not necessarily an authoritative list of changes. The bills themselves are the best

- Section 2** establishing a state energy policy (page 2, line 9 – page 3, line 29) has been removed from the bill.
- Section 10** directing the DOT/PF to consider alternative energy when constructing a public facility (page 9, lines 10-28) has been removed.
- Section 11** requiring the DOA to consider energy efficiency when purchasing equipment (page 9, line 29 – page 10, line 2) has been removed.
- Section 14** amending AS 42.50.040 (the Southeast Energy Fund) has been changed to (1) make the department of revenue the fiduciary of the fund, (2) specify that only municipalities, joint action agencies, or member owned cooperatives can receive grants from the fund, (3) that grants may be used to finance generation or transmission projects, (4) that projects must be wholly owned by the grantee, and (5) that extending the laps date for grants from 5 to 7 years.
- Section 15** amending AS 42.45.045 (d) requiring renewable energy grant fund project to have a financial benefit that exceeds the amount of the grant funds received, has been removed.
- Section 16** amending AS 42.45.045 (m) directing the AEA to enter into contracts with experts to review renewable energy grant fund projects, has been removed.
- Section 17** amending AS 42.45 directing the AEA to facilitate a statewide fuel cooperative, has been removed.
- Section 18** adding a new section to AS 42.45.375 to establish the Emerging Energy Technology Fund has been changes by (1) narrowing the focus of the fund to demonstration projects, (2) instructing the University to provide data and analysis of projects, (3) removing the language in subsection (f) directing AEA to require a reasonable return on grants issues, (4) prohibiting advisory board members from awarding grants to themselves, (5) adding a four year sunset in new section 25 of the Senate Finance version.
- Section 20** amending AS 43.20.046 to include the renewable energy production tax credit has been removed.

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- Section 21** amending AS 43.98.040 to establish a renewable energy production tax credit has been removed.
- Section 23** amending AS 44.42.067 to require DOT/PF to retrofit 25% of public facilities and setting standards for new construction, has been removed.
- Section 24** amending AS 44.83.080 to require AEA and AHFC to conduct a public education campaign, has been removed.
- Section 26-33** creating the alternative energy conservation revolving loan fund have been removed.

The following changes reference the "B" version.

- Section 10** a new section 10 was added on page 9 that refers to the contractual agreements between the state and a lessee of state land and prohibits the state from negotiating an increased lease rate based on a percentage of gross revenue.
- Section 26-28** were amended to give the OMB, the office of the governor and the department of transportation sufficient time to develop the reports required by the sections. Section 27 was amended to expand the requirements of the report examining the powers and duties and structure of the Alaska Energy Authority and Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority.
- Section 30** a new section 30 was added directing the department of revenue to submit a report to the legislature with recommendations regarding the feasibility of a municipal energy improvements financing program.
- Section 31-32** are new sections that give the Department of Health and Social Services the authority to adopt transitional regulations, and instructs the department to replace the name "Alaska Heating Assistance Program" with "Alaska Affordable Heating Program" wherever it appears in the administrative code.