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Energy Efficiency & Policy: Public Buildings Sectional Analysis

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Section 1. Establishes legislative intent to outfit public buildings, facilities, and schools with new energy upgrades to ultimately reduce net energy costs by 2026.

Section 2. Amends AS 18.56 by adding a section, AS 18.56.865, authorizing the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) to conduct energy audits of public facilities upon request.

Section 3. Amends AS 42.45.110 by adding a new subsection permitting owners of public facilities that use power cost equalization to allow the AEA, the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, or the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to perform energy audits and retrofits.

Section 4. Amending AS 44.42.065 by adding public school buildings to the list of community facilities that the DOT&PF must perform energy audits for every 7 years.

Section 5. Amends AS 44.42.06 by including the definition of public school as defined by AS 14.25.220, but not including a charter school as defined by AS 14.03.290.

Section 6. Amends AS 44.42.065 by adding a new subsection which authorizes the DOT&PF to coordinate with the AEA to conduct energy audits by request.

Section 7. Amends the date under AS 44.42.067 to which DOT&PF shall retrofit at least 25% of all public facilities to no later than January 1, 2026.

Section 8. Amends AS 44.42.067 to include education facilities as well as government and public use facilities in the definition of public facilities and reduces the square foot requirement to 5,000 for public use facilities.

Section 9. Adds a new section under AS 44.83, AS 44.83.088 which directs the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to coordinate with DOT&PF for energy audits on public facilities that use power cost equalization as defined by AS 42.45.110(b). Directs AEA to

perform these audits at least once every seven years. Allows the AEA to work with entities that own public facilities to identify sources of funding for audits or retrofits.

Section 10. Amends AS 44.88 by inserting a new section, AS 44.88.179, which directs the AIDEA to establish a rapid economic recovery office to facilitate state energy policy and encourage private investment. Directs this new office of rapid economic recovery to review energy audits, identify energy retrofit projects to be bundled, market bundled projects, and engage with DOT&PF to support with the contracting of private investors.

Section 11. Adds a new subsection under AS 44.99.115 which establishes a state energy policy target date of 2026 to have at least 50 percent of total energy used by the state to come from clean energy sources and authorizes the AEA to request periodic updates from state facilities on the estimated percent of total energy used obtained from renewable energy sources. This section also includes the previously used definitions of renewable energy, power cost equalization and a state-funded public facility which includes a public school building but excludes a charter school.