

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 280(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/6/02

Referred: Resources, Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR THERRIAULT

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act permitting grants to certain regulated public utilities for water quality**  
2 **enhancement projects and water supply and wastewater systems."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 46.03.030(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) The department may grant to a municipality **or, to the extent allowed**  
6 **under (i) of this section, to a public utility**, as funds are available, a grant for any of  
7 the following:

- 8 (1) a water quality enhancement project;  
9 (2) a public water supply, treatment, or distribution system;  
10 (3) a wastewater collection, treatment, or discharge system;  
11 (4) a solid waste processing, disposal, or resource recovery system.

12 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 46.03.030(e) is amended to read:

13 (e) A grant under this section to a municipality **or public utility eligible**  
14 **under (i) of this section** for a project funded by an appropriation made by the

1 legislature

2 (1) before July 1, 1994, may not exceed 50 percent of the eligible costs  
3 of the project;

4 (2) after July 1, 1994, may not exceed

5 (A) 85 percent of the eligible costs for a municipality with a  
6 population of 1,000 persons or less;

7 (B) 70 percent of the eligible costs for a municipality with a  
8 population of 1,001 to 5,000 persons; and

9 (C) 50 percent of the eligible costs for a municipality with a  
10 population greater than 5,000 persons; however, if a municipality with a  
11 population greater than 5,000 persons seeks a grant for a project that relates to  
12 a solid waste processing or disposal system that incorporates resource  
13 recovery, the department may provide a grant for up to 60 percent of the  
14 eligible costs of the project.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 46.03.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (i) A public water and sewer utility is eligible for a grant for projects described  
17 in (b)(1) - (3) of this section if it serves as the primary utility for a municipality and its  
18 rates are regulated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska under AS 42.05.