

HOUSE BILL NO. 475

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act permitting grants to certain regulated public utilities for water quality**
2 **enhancement projects and water, wastewater, and solid waste 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 a public utility eligible**
6 **under (i) of this section**, as funds are available, a grant for any of the following:

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

11 *** Sec. 2.** AS 46.03.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (i) A public utility is eligible to apply for a grant under this section if the
13 public utility's rates are subject to regulation by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska
14 under AS 42.05. A grant under this section to a public utility for a project funded by

1 an appropriation made by the legislature may not exceed

2 (1) 85 percent of the eligible costs for a public utility with a population
3 of 1,000 persons or less within its service area;

4 (2) 70 percent of the eligible costs for a public utility with a population
5 of 1,001 to 5,000 persons within its service area; and

6 (3) 50 percent of the eligible costs for a public utility with a population
7 greater than 5,000 persons within its service area; however, if a public utility with a
8 population greater than 5,000 persons seeks a grant for a project that relates to a solid
9 waste processing or disposal system that incorporates resource recovery, the
10 department may provide a grant for up to 60 percent of the eligible costs of the project.