

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 32(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 1/27/05

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATOR THERRIAULT

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act permitting grants to certain public utilities for water quality enhancement
2 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 utility serving
6 [MUNICIPALITY WITH] a population of 1,000 persons or less;

7 (B) 70 percent of the eligible costs for a utility serving
8 [MUNICIPALITY WITH] a population of 1,001 to 5,000 persons; and

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

18 (1) its rates are regulated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska
19 under AS 42.05; or

20 (2) the utility is owned and operated by a political subdivision of the
21 state that is a municipality.