

**HOUSE BILL NO. 404**

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

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**Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing an Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
4 to read:

5 FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

6 (1) energy issues are among the most critical issues in the state; and

7 (2) a thorough assessment of present and future state energy needs and  
8 requirements is necessary.

9 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 ALASKA RENEWABLE ENERGY TASK FORCE. (a) There is established in the  
12 legislative branch of state government the Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force. The task  
13 force consists of 15 voting members appointed as follows:

14 (1) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint

15 (A) four members from the house of representatives;

- 1 (B) one member from the Department of Natural Resources;  
2 (C) one member from the Alaska Energy Authority;  
3 (D) one member from the Denali Commission;  
4 (E) one member from the University of Alaska;  
5 (F) one member from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;  
6 (G) one member from the Alaska Power Association;  
7 (H) one member from the Alaska Village Electric Cooperative;

8 (2) The president of the senate shall appoint four members from the senate.

9 (b) The chair of the task force shall be a legislative member selected by a majority  
10 vote of the members of the task force. The staff of the members who are legislators shall serve  
11 as staff to the task force.

12 (c) The task force shall prepare a report that includes recommendations that

13 (1) address existing research on the costs and benefits of renewable energy;

14 (2) consider what types of energy development are best suited to different  
15 regions of the state;

16 (3) identify and assess programs within the state that can provide information  
17 on renewable energy; and

18 (4) address which programs are most feasible to generate investment in  
19 individual regions of the state.

20 (d) Members of the task force are entitled to transportation expenses and per diem  
21 authorized for members of boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

22 (e) The task force shall meet at least four times. The task force may meet in  
23 communities in the state that are using or considering sources of renewable energy.

24 (f) The task force shall submit written reports of its findings and recommendations to  
25 the legislature

26 (1) before March 1, 2009; and

27 (2) before March 1, 2010.

28 \* **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are repealed and the Alaska Renewable Energy Task  
29 Force is dissolved on April 16, 2010.