

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 404(CRA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/17/08

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FAIRCLOUGH, Edgmon, Thomas, Wilson, Johnson, Olson, Kawasaki,  
Doll, Nelson, Kerttula, Dahlstrom, Guttenberg, Neuman

**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 seven voting members appointed as follows:

14 (1) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three members  
15 from the house of representatives;

1                   (2) The president of the senate shall appoint three members from the senate;  
2 and

3                   (3) The governor shall appoint one member.

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

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

8                         (1) an assessment of future statewide renewable energy needs; and

9                         (2) recommendations for a statewide energy plan to fulfill the state's  
10 renewable energy needs.

11                   (d) Members of the task force are entitled to transportation expenses and per diem  
12 allowances provided by law.

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

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

17                         (1) before March 1, 2009; and

18                         (2) before March 1, 2010.

19                   (g) The Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force is dissolved on April 16, 2010.

20                   \* **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are repealed on April 16, 2010.