

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 306(RES)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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**Sponsor(s): HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act declaring a state energy policy."**

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

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

5           LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that

6                   (1) the state achieve a 15 percent increase in energy efficiency on a per capita  
7   basis between 2010 and 2020;

8                   (2) the state receive 50 percent of its electric generation from renewable  
9   energy sources by 2025;

10                  (3) the state work to ensure a reliable in-state gas supply for residents of the  
11   state;

12                  (4) the power project fund (AS 42.45.010) serve as the main source of state  
13   assistance for energy projects;

14                  (5) the state remain a leader in petroleum and natural gas production and  
15   become a leader in renewable alternative energy development.

1     \* **Sec. 2.** AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2             **Sec. 44.99.115. Declaration of state energy policy.** The State of Alaska  
3             recognizes that the state's economic prosperity is dependent on available, reliable, and  
4             affordable residential, commercial, and industrial energy to supply the state's electric,  
5             heating, and transportation needs. The state also recognizes that worldwide supply and  
6             demand for fossil fuels and concerns about global climate change will affect the price  
7             of fossil fuels consumed by Alaskans and exported from the state to other markets. In  
8             establishing a state energy policy, the state further recognizes the immense diversity of  
9             the state's geography, cultures, and resource availability. Therefore, it is the policy of  
10            the state to

11                   (1) institute a comprehensive and coordinated approach to supporting  
12            energy efficiency and conservation by

13                           (A) encouraging statewide energy efficiency codes for new and  
14            renovated residential, commercial, and public buildings;

15                           (B) decreasing public building energy consumption through  
16            conservation measures and energy-efficient technologies; and

17                           (C) initiating and supporting a program to educate state  
18            residents on the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation, including  
19            dissemination of information on state and federal programs that reward energy  
20            efficiency;

21                   (2) encourage economic development by

22                           (A) promoting the development of renewable energy resources,  
23            including geothermal, wind, solar, hydroelectric, hydrokinetic, tidal, and  
24            biomass energy, for use by Alaskans and for export of power that is surplus to  
25            the needs of Alaska communities;

26                           (B) promoting the development, transport, and efficient use of  
27            nonrenewable and alternative energy resources, including natural gas, coal, oil,  
28            gas hydrates, heavy oil, and nuclear energy, for use by Alaskans and for  
29            export;

30                           (C) working to identify and assist with development of the  
31            most cost-effective, long-term sources of energy for each community

1 statewide;

2 (D) creating and maintaining a state fiscal regime that  
3 encourages private sector development of the state's energy resources;

4 (E) promoting the efficiency of energy used for transportation;

5 (3) support energy research, education, and workforce development by  
6 investing in

7 (A) training and education programs that will help create jobs  
8 for Alaskans and that address energy conservation, efficiency, and availability,  
9 including programs that address workforce development and workforce  
10 transition; and

11 (B) applied energy research and development of emerging  
12 technologies, including university programs, to achieve reductions in state  
13 energy costs and stimulate industry investment in the state;

14 (4) coordinate governmental functions

15 (A) by reviewing and streamlining regulatory processes and  
16 balancing the economic costs of review with the level of regulation necessary  
17 to protect the public interest;

18 (B) using one office or agency, as may be specified by law, to  
19 serve as a clearinghouse in managing the state's energy-related functions to  
20 avoid fragmentation and duplication and to increase effectiveness;

21 (C) by actively collaborating with federal agencies to achieve  
22 the state's energy goals and to meet national emissions, renewable energy, and  
23 energy production targets.