

SENATE BILL NO. 115

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/19/09

Referred: Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act creating a rural community energy assistance program; and providing for an**
2 **effective date."**

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

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

6 **RURAL COMMUNITY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.** (a) A rural
7 community energy assistance program is established in the Department of Commerce,
8 Community, and Economic Development to provide grants for energy assistance to rural
9 communities in the state.

10 (b) The department shall, using appropriations made by the legislature for the
11 program, distribute grants to rural communities in need of energy assistance.

12 (c) The department shall adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure
13 Act) necessary to develop criteria, including requirements regarding the population of a
14 community and the price a community pays for energy, for evaluating the rural communities

- 1 most in need of energy assistance for disbursement of grants.
- 2 * **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act is repealed June 30, 2010.
- 3 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).