

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENERGY**

April 27, 2024

10:16 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative George Rauscher, Chair  
Representative Tom McKay  
Representative Thomas Baker  
Representative Mike Prax  
Representative Calvin Schrage

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Stanley Wright  
Representative Jennie Armstrong

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 152 (L&C)

"An Act relating to community energy facilities."

- MOVED HCS CSSB 152 (ENE) OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 349

"An Act relating to leases of public land for renewable energy projects; and providing for an effective date."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

HOUSE BILL NO. 328

"An Act relating to community energy facilities."

- SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 152

SHORT TITLE: COMMUNITY ENERGY FACILITIES; NET METERING

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) WIELECHOWSKI

05/15/23	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
05/15/23	(S)	L&C
01/29/24	(S)	L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
01/29/24	(S)	Heard & Held
01/29/24	(S)	MINUTE (L&C)

04/10/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 04/10/24 (S) Heard & Held  
 04/10/24 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 04/17/24 (S) L&C AT 1:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)  
 04/17/24 (S) Moved CSSB 152(L&C) Out of Committee  
 04/17/24 (S) MINUTE(L&C)  
 04/19/24 (S) L&C RPT CS 2DP 1NR SAME TITLE  
 04/19/24 (S) NR: BJORKMAN  
 04/19/24 (S) DP: DUNBAR, GRAY-JACKSON  
 04/22/24 (S) TRANSMITTED TO (H)  
 04/22/24 (S) VERSION: CSSB 152(L&C)  
 04/23/24 (H) ENE AT 10:15 AM BARNES 124  
 04/23/24 (H) <Pending Referral>  
 04/24/24 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
 04/24/24 (H) ENE  
 04/25/24 (H) ENE AT 10:15 AM BARNES 124  
 04/25/24 (H) Heard & Held  
 04/25/24 (H) MINUTE(ENE)  
 04/27/24 (H) ENE AT 10:15 AM BARNES 124

**WITNESS REGISTER**

SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI  
 Alaska State Legislature  
 Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** As the sponsor of SB 152, explained the need for a technical amendment to CSSB 152(L&C).

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

[10:16:45 AM](#)

RAUSCHER called the House Special Committee on Energy meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. Representatives Schrage, McKay, Prax, Baker, and Rauscher were present at the call to order.

**SB 152-COMMUNITY ENERGY FACILITIES; NET METERING**

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CHAIR RAUSCHER announced that the only order of business would be CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 152(L&C), "An Act relating to community energy facilities."

CHAIR RAUSCHER related that Senator Bill Wielechowski, sponsor of SB 152, has identified a technical mistake in the language of

CSSB 152(L&C) and has offered the committee an amendment to fix the error.

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SENATOR BILL WIELECHOWSKI, Alaska State Legislature, as the sponsor of SB 152, advised the committee the technical amendment is needed on page 4, line 7 of CSSB 152(L&C) where "kilowatt-hours" needs to be changed to "kilowatts".

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REPRESENTATIVE PRAX pointed out that kilowatt-hours is the total amount of electricity used in a month whereas kilowatts is the maximum demand at any moment.

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REPRESENTATIVE MCKAY moved to adopt Conceptual Amendment 1 to CSSB 152(L&C), labeled 33-LS0607\R.1, Walsh, 4/26/24, which read:

Page 4, line 7:  
Delete "kilowatt-hours"  
Insert "kilowatts"

CHAIR RAUSCHER objected for purposes of discussion.

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REPRESENTATIVE MCKAY explained that Conceptual Amendment 1 would, on page 4, line 7 of CSSB 152(L&C), delete "kilowatt hours" and insert "kilowatts".

CHAIR RAUSCHER removed his objection. There being no further objection, Conceptual Amendment 1 to CSSB 152(L&C) was adopted.

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The committee took a brief at-ease.

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REPRESENTATIVE MCKAY moved to report CSSB 152(L&C), as amended, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying zero fiscal note and to authorize [Legislative Legal Services] to make any necessary technical and conforming

changes. There being no objection, HCS CSSB 152(ENE) was reported out of the House Special Committee on Energy.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Energy meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.