

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 SENATE BILL NO. 308

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Alaska Energy Council; and  
7 providing for an effective date."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Section 1. AS 44.19 is amended by adding new sections to read:

10 ARTICLE 7A. ALASKA ENERGY COUNCIL.

11 Sec. 44.19.570. FINDINGS AND POLICY. The legislature finds a  
12 need for intensive study and evaluation of the state's energy situation  
13 and for plans for insuring that the state's future energy needs will  
14 be met. Existing energy sources and production systems must be  
15 examined to determine whether they are capable of meeting future  
16 demands. It is also necessary to explore the possible application of  
17 new forms of energy conversion. It is the policy of the legislature  
18 to establish a council to meet the need for these studies and plans  
19 and to make energy policy recommendations based on the studies it  
20 undertakes.

21 Sec. 44.19.571. ALASKA ENERGY COUNCIL. (a) There is established  
22 in the Office of the Governor the Alaska Energy Council. The council  
23 consists of five members appointed by the governor whose knowledge,  
24 experience, or academic background qualify them to advise the governor  
25 on energy policy. Members serve at the pleasure of the governor for  
26 two year terms. The governor shall designate one member as chairman.  
27 The council shall meet at the call of the chairman or the governor.  
28 Members of the council serve without compensation but are entitled to  
29 per diem and travel expenses authorized by law for other boards and

1 commissions.

2 (b) The council may appoint an executive director for the  
3 council who shall be compensated at the rate established for a deputy  
4 head of a principal executive department under AS 39.20.080.

5 Sec. 44.19.572. DUTIES. The council shall

6 (1) survey and inventory existing energy sources and uses  
7 within the state and project future demands upon the sources to  
8 determine whether future demands can be met by existing sources;

9 (2) identify energy needs and make recommendations of  
10 energy resource development which would be the most economical and the  
11 least detrimental to the natural and human environment to meet these  
12 needs;

13 (3) report to the governor and the legislature on current  
14 developments in energy technology, and the potential application of  
15 new sources of energy within the state, including atomic fusion  
16 reactors, geothermal energy, tidal power, and solar energy, comparing  
17 the potential application of these sources with existing types of  
18 energy transformation;

19 (4) study and make recommendations regarding the existing  
20 regulatory policies of the state with respect to energy production,  
21 including the rate structure of public utilities to determine whether  
22 they encourage conservation of energy;

23 (5) develop assessments of the statewide economic impact of  
24 existing and proposed energy production projects; and

25 (6) identify ways by which energy may be conserved.

26 Sec. 44.19.573. COORDINATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA. The  
27 council may use the resources of the University of Alaska in under-  
28 taking studies, consultation contracts, and in monitoring and reviewing  
29 studies produced for the council through contracts with private

1 consultants.

2 Sec. 44.19.574. POWERS. The council may

3 (1) enter into contracts and cooperative agreements with  
4 the University of Alaska, consultants, consulting firms, and agencies  
5 of the state and federal government for studies, reports, and  
6 consultation;

7 (2) employ staff assistants, technical experts, and  
8 consultants;

9 (3) with the unanimous consent of the disinterested members  
10 of the council, contract with one or more of its own members for  
11 consultation services;

12 (4) make applications and accept grants from sources which  
13 may be available for studies undertaken by the council;

14 (5) publish and distribute reports based on studies and  
15 consultations undertaken by the council.

16 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect on July 1, 1974.  
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