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3 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 318 (C&RA)
4 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
5 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
6 A BILL
7 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to grants for energy efficient
8 homes."
9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
10 * Section 1. FINDINGS AND POLICY. (a) The legislature finds that
11 (1) high quality energy efficient building technology developed
12 by the Alaska Craftsman Home Program would substantially reduce home energy
13 consumption, improve the health and safety of the occupants, improve indoor
14 air quality, reduce the contributions of dwellings to outdoor pollution,
15 increase home durability, reduce home maintenance needs, and increase the
16 economic stability of the home owner;
17 (2) state money now being spent to subsidize energy bills, to
18 weatherize and repair poorly constructed homes, and to improve the health
19 of people affected by poor indoor air quality would be reduced or eliminat-
20 ed as existing homes are replaced by homes that are built to meet Alaska
21 Craftsman Home Program standards;
22 (3) state money now used to finance and repair homes would be
23 invested more wisely in homes that are built to meet the Alaska Craftsman
24 Home Program standards;
25 (4) local economic benefits are achieved when money being spent
26 on energy, home repair, and health are reduced because of building to meet
27 the improved building standards of the Alaska Craftsman Home Program;
28 (5) the principal responsibility for development of housing
29 rests with the private sector;
(6) research and development of energy efficient housing will

1 create new jobs, provide technology that can be exported, develop new
2 business opportunities, and increase the stability of the state's economy.

3 (b) It is the policy of the state to encourage the building of homes
4 that meet the energy efficient standards of the Alaska Craftsman Home
5 Program and to assist in the education, planning, and development of this
6 standard of building in cooperation with the building industry.

7 * Sec. 2. AS 18.55.998(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) There is created in the Department of Community and Regional
9 Affairs a supplemental housing development grant fund. Subject to the
10 availability of appropriations for the purpose, the department shall
11 make grants to regional housing authorities established under AS 18.-
12 55.996 for the cost of on-site sewer and water facilities, road con-
13 struction to project sites, energy efficient design features in homes,
14 and extension of electrical distribution facilities to individual
15 residences.

16 * Sec. 3. AS 44.47 is amended by adding a new section to read:

17 Sec. 44.47.378. ALASKA ENERGY EFFICIENT HOME GRANT FUND. (a)
18 There is established in the department the Alaska energy efficient
19 home grant fund consisting of money appropriated to it by the legisla-
20 ture. The commissioner shall administer the Alaska energy efficient
21 home grant fund under the provisions of this section.

22 (b) The commissioner may grant funds from the Alaska energy
23 efficient home grant fund to agencies of the state or federal govern-
24 ment, individuals, or businesses that retrofit existing single family
25 dwellings or build new single family dwellings that meet criteria
26 adopted by the commissioner.

27 (c) The commissioner shall adopt guidelines and procedures for
28 the fund after consultation with the board of directors of the Alaska
29 Craftsman Home Program.