

**HOUSE BILL NO. 228**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 3/20/91**

**Referred: Labor & Commerce, Community & Regional Affairs, Finance**

**Funding Information: General Fund \$128,000,000**

**Other Funds        -0-**  
**\$128,000,000**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act making appropriations for power projects, energy conservation, and grants to  
 2 utilities; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** The sum of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund, Railbelt intertie reserve  
 5 (sec. 159, ch. 208, SLA 1990), to the Alaska Energy Authority for improvements to the existing  
 6 Anchorage to Fairbanks transmission line.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** The sum of \$30,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund, Railbelt intertie reserve (sec.  
 8 159, ch. 208, SLA 1990), to the Alaska Energy Authority for reconstruction of the existing Anchorage  
 9 to Kenai Peninsula transmission line.

10 \* **Sec. 3.** The sum of \$48,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund, Railbelt intertie reserve (sec.  
 11 159, ch. 208, SLA 1990), to the Department of Community and Regional Affairs for energy conservation  
 12 and demand-side management programs, to be allocated as follows:

	PURPOSE	ALLOCATION
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14	Low-income weatherization	\$10,000,000

1	Institutional facilities demand-side	
2	management programs	10,000,000
3	Grants to electric utilities for electrical	
4	end-use conservation programs	20,000,000
5	Ongoing residential and business energy	
6	efficiency improvement programs	8,000,000

7 \* Sec. 4. The sum of \$8,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund, Railbelt intertie reserve (sec.  
8 159, ch. 208, SLA 1990), the sum of \$2,000,000 is appropriated from the Railbelt energy fund  
9 (AS 37.05.520), and the sum of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Alaska Energy  
10 Authority for payment as grants under AS 37.05.316 to Golden Valley Electric Association, Fairbanks  
11 Municipal Utilities System, Matanuska Electric Association, Copper Valley Electric Association,  
12 Chugach Electric Association, Anchorage Municipal Light and Power, Seward Electric System, and  
13 Homer Electric Association for the repayment of debt incurred for power generation, transmission, and  
14 distribution projects or, if a utility does not have debt incurred for those purposes, if the early repayment  
15 of debt would cause imposition of a penalty, or if the debt is held at rates below the current market rates,  
16 then the utility may use the grant to avoid incurring debt for future power generation, distribution, and  
17 transmission projects. The amount of each grant shall be in proportion to the number of customers the  
18 electric utility had on January 1, 1991, as compared to the total customers for all the named electric  
19 utilities on that date.

20 \* Sec. 5. If the amount in the general fund, Railbelt intertie reserve (sec. 159, ch. 208, SLA 1990),  
21 on the effective date of this Act is less than \$106,000,000, or if the amount in the Railbelt energy fund  
22 (AS 37.05.520), on the effective date of this Act is less than \$2,000,000, then the appropriations made  
23 by this Act shall be made from the general fund to the extent of the shortfall.

24 \* Sec. 6. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).