

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 124(FIN)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/5/93
Referred: RULES

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing a task force to advise the legislature concerning the
2 reduction and elimination of the Alaska Energy Authority; and providing for an
3 effective date."

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

5 * **Section 1. ENERGY TASK FORCE CREATED.** (a) The Alaska Energy Task Force
6 is created. The purpose of the task force is to develop a plan to reduce, and ultimately
7 eliminate, the role of the Alaska Energy Authority in providing direct services for energy
8 projects and replace the services provided by the authority with services provided through
9 contracts with entities in the private sector, including regional utilities, and by directing other
10 state agencies to provide those services. The task force shall explore and include in the plan
11 ways in which the state may transfer ownership and responsibility for operation and
12 maintenance of the facilities owned by the authority to utilities served by those facilities.

13 (b) The task force shall prepare and submit to the legislature by December 31, 1993,
14 a plan to implement the reduction or elimination of the authority by March 31, 1994. The

1 task force may identify legislation necessary to implement its recommendations. It is the
2 intent of the legislature that the plan should be used in preparing the fiscal year 1995
3 operating budget.

4 (c) The task force consists of nine members selected as follows:

- 5 (1) the speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker's designee;
6 (2) the president of the senate or the president's designee;
7 (3) one member of the house of representatives and one member of the senate,
8 selected by the appropriate presiding officer;
9 (4) the commissioner of commerce and economic development;
10 (5) the commissioner of community and regional affairs;
11 (6) three persons currently holding management positions with electric public
12 utilities in the state;

13 (A) one of these members, to be appointed by the commissioner of
14 community and regional affairs, shall be selected from an electric utility with fewer
15 than 1,000 consumers;

16 (B) one of these members, to be appointed by the members of the task
17 force who are members of the senate, shall be selected from an electric utility located
18 north of the Alaska Range that has more than 20,000 consumers;

19 (C) one of these members, to be selected by the members of the task
20 force who are members of the house of representatives, shall be selected from an
21 electric utility located south of the Alaska Range that has more than 20,000 consumers.

22 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).