

**HB**

**404**



## Alaska State Legislature

**Representative Anna Fairclough** — House District 17

### House Bill 404

#### ***“An Act establishing an Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force”***

House Bill 404 would create a Task Force on Renewable Energy to allow members of the Legislature to get involved in developing a much needed Energy Plan for the State of Alaska.

The goal would be for the Task Force to thoroughly assess the needs of the state and then to make recommendations, based on those needs, which could be incorporated into a statewide energy plan.

Renewable energy is an issue in the forefront nationwide. With fuel prices at an all time high, and no relief in the foreseeable future, Alaska needs to consider its options. Our varying climates and terrain make wind and geothermal energy alternatives that could be employed in our state and it is necessary to determine what our energy needs are in various regions of the state and also what options would be viable in which areas.

The intent of House Bill 404 is to bring members of the Legislature together to meet with the energy stakeholders around Alaska and take measurable steps toward preparing the state for the future.

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bill Version: HB 404  
( ) Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Identifier (file name): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: University of Alaska  
Title Alternative Energy Task Force RDU University of Alaska  
Component Sysbra  
Sponsor Rep. Fairclough, Edgmon, Thomas, Wilson, et al.  
Requester Community and Regional Affairs Component Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual								
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>								
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>								
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts								
1003 GF Match								
1004 GF								
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
<b>TOTAL</b>		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2008) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The University of Alaska would participate in the Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force. To the degree projects are proposed that require additional expertise, facilities, equipment or other resources, additional funding would be required.

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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 404( )**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY**

**Offered:**

**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES FAIRCLOUGH, Edgmon, Thomas, Wilson, Johnson, Olson, Kawasaki, Doll, Nelson, Kerttula**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing an Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
4 to read:

5 **FINDINGS.** The legislature finds that

6 (1) energy issues are among the most critical issues in the state, and

7 (2) a thorough assessment of present and future state energy needs and  
8 requirements is necessary.

9 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 **ALASKA RENEWABLE ENERGY TASK FORCE.** (a) There is established in the  
12 legislative branch of state government the Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force. The task  
13 force consists of seven voting members appointed as follows:

14 (1) The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three members  
15 from the house of representatives:

1 (2) The president of the senate shall appoint three members from the senate;  
2 and

3 (3) The governor shall appoint one member.

4 (b) The chair of the task force shall be a legislative member selected by a majority  
5 vote of the members of the task force. The staff of the members who are legislators shall serve  
6 as staff to the task force.

7 (c) The task force shall prepare a report that includes

8 (1) an assessment of future statewide renewable energy needs; and

9 (2) recommendations for a statewide energy plan to fulfill the state's  
10 renewable energy needs.

11 (d) Members of the task force are entitled to transportation expenses and per diem  
12 allowances provided by law.

13 (e) The task force shall meet at least four times. The task force may meet in  
14 communities in the state that are using or considering sources of renewable energy.

15 (f) The task force shall submit written reports of its findings and recommendations to  
16 the legislature

17 (1) before March 1, 2009; and

18 (2) before March 1, 2010.

19 (g) The Alaska Renewable Energy Task Force is dissolved on April 16, 2010.

20 \* **Sec. 3.** Sections 1 and 2 of this Act are repealed on April 16, 2010.