



Alaska State Legislature

1976

Source:

HCR 100

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 100

Relating to electric and gas utility regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS electric and gas utility rates have risen dramatically in all areas of Alaska; and

WHEREAS rate increases have been disproportionately great for small residential users; and

WHEREAS rising costs for generating fuel and gas at the wellhead have created a situation in which existing bulk discounts to large industrial and commercial consumers are being subsidized by residential and small commercial customers; and

WHEREAS methods of reducing peak loads of electric power have proven successful in Europe and several states and resulted in lower consumer utility bills; and

WHEREAS many utilities are planning plant expansions, which will result in even higher utility rates in order to meet demand peaks; and

WHEREAS utilities have asked for authority to automatically pass on increases in fuel costs to consumers; and

WHEREAS the documentation furnished by public utilities in support of rate increases has been inadequate;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the Legislative Affairs Agency is directed to undertake a study of electric and gas utility rate structures and regulatory practices

and to report to the Legislature on changes in law or regulatory practice required to insure equitable treatment of all consumers and provide incentives for the conservation of energy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska Public Utilities Commission is requested to cooperate fully in this study.