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STATE ENERGY POLICY				

00 HOUSE BILL NO. 306  
01 "An Act declaring a state energy policy."  
02 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:  
03 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
04 to read:  
05 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that  
06 (1) the state achieve a 15 percent increase in energy efficiency on a per capita  
07 basis between 2010 and 2020;  
08 (2) the state receive 50 percent of its electric generation from renewable  
09 energy sources by 2025;  
10 (3) the state work to ensure a reliable in-state gas supply for residents of the  
11 state;  
12 (4) the power project fund (AS 42.45.010) serve as the main source of state  
13 assistance for energy projects.  
14 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 44.99 is amended by adding a new section to read:  
15 **Sec. 44.99.115. Declaration of state energy policy.** The State of Alaska  
01 recognizes that the state's economic prosperity is dependent on available, reliable, and  
02 affordable residential, commercial, and industrial energy to supply the state's electric,  
03 heating, and transportation needs. The state also recognizes that worldwide supply and  
04 demand for fossil fuels and concerns about global climate change will affect the price  
05 of fossil fuels consumed by Alaskans and exported from the state to other markets. In  
06 establishing a state energy policy, the state further recognizes the immense diversity of  
07 the state's geography, cultures, and resource availability. Therefore, it is the policy of  
08 the state to  
09 (1) institute a comprehensive and coordinated approach to supporting  
10 energy efficiency and conservation by  
11 (A) establishing statewide energy efficiency codes for new and  
12 renovated residential, commercial, and public buildings;  
13 (B) decreasing public building energy consumption through  
14 conservation measures and energy-efficient technologies; and  
15 (C) initiating and supporting a program to educate state  
16 residents on the benefits of energy efficiency and conservation, including  
17 dissemination of information on state and federal programs that reward energy  
18 efficiency;  
19 (2) encourage economic development by  
20 (A) promoting the development of renewable energy resources,  
21 including geothermal, wind, solar, hydroelectric, hydrokinetic, tidal, and  
22 biomass energy, for use by Alaskans and for export;  
23 (B) promoting the development, transport, and efficient use of  
24 nonrenewable energy resources, including natural gas, coal, oil, gas hydrates,  
25 heavy oil, and nuclear energy, for use by Alaskans and for export;  
26 (C) working to identify and assist with development of the  
27 most cost-effective, long-term sources of energy for each community  
28 statewide;  
29 (D) creating and maintaining a state fiscal regime that  
30 encourages private sector development of the state's energy resources;  
31 (3) support energy research, education, and workforce development by  
01 investing in  
02 (A) training and education programs that address energy  
03 conservation, efficiency, and availability, including programs that address  
04 workforce development and workforce transition; and  
05 (B) applied energy research and development of emerging  
06 technologies, including university programs, to achieve reductions in state  
07 energy costs and stimulate industry investment in the state;  
08 (4) coordinate governmental functions  
09 (A) by reviewing and streamlining regulatory processes and  
10 balancing the economic costs of review with the level of review necessary to  
11 protect the public interest;  
12 (B) using one office or agency, as may be specified by law, to  
13 serve as a clearinghouse in managing the state's energy-related functions to  
14 avoid fragmentation and duplication and to increase effectiveness;  
15 (C) by actively collaborating with federal agencies to achieve  
16 the state's energy goals and to meet national emissions, renewable energy, and  
17 energy production targets.