

Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

FROM: Willy Dunne, Assembly Member (V/M) for: WD

DATE: March 30, 2021

RE: Resolution 2021-022, Supporting Senate Bill 17 Relating to Performing Energy Audits on Certain Public and Community Facilities with the Goal that by 2026 the State Shall Enter Contracts to Retrofit Public Facilities, Buildings and Schools in a Manner that will Result in Net Savings in Energy Costs to the State Within 15 Years After Completion of the Retrofits (Dunne)

Senator Begich introduced Senate Bill No. 17 on January 19, 2021. It amends statutes to establish processes and funding for certain public facilities and public schools in Alaska to undergo energy audits, and to be retrofitted in a manner that will result in net savings in energy costs in the state within 15 years after the retrofits are completed. The Resilience & Security Advisory Commission requested this resolution supporting SB 17 as it may be beneficial to the borough.

Public facilities include facilities owned and controlled by the state for governmental, educational, or public use that are 5,000 s.f. or more and are not a legislative building or a court building. "Public schools" include schools operated by publicly elected or appointed school officials, public funds support the programs under the control of those officials, but does not include charter schools.

The Alaska Energy Authority would conduct Energy audits of community facilities upon request of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. It directs the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority to establish a rapid economic recovery office to facilitate state energy policy and encourage private investment. Energy service performance contracts valued in total at \$100 million would be entered by 2026 to retrofit public facilities and public schools in a manner that would result in a net savings in energy costs to the state within 15 years after completion of the retrofits.

Your consideration is appreciated.