



Legislative Update From Representative Bryce Edgmon



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Energy Committee Hears from Mayors; Prepares Bills for Session

The House Special Committee on Energy held a hearing Tuesday in conjunction with the Alaska Municipal League (AML) annual conference in Anchorage. The purpose of the meeting was to take testimony on what municipal leaders would like to see in energy legislation and a statewide energy plan. It was a great opportunity for our committee, as elected officials from all parts of Alaska were in Anchorage.

We heard from 14 city officials from across the state. It's certainly clear that energy is a top priority for everyone in Alaska, and it's also clear that there is no one-size-fits-all solution. That being the case, our committee is working on and will be prefiling an omnibus energy bill to put before lawmakers during the next legislative session.

In addition to producing this omnibus bill, our committee has been working hard on de-

veloping an energy policy for Alaska. We created a stakeholder group early this summer, and it has been meeting monthly to develop this policy.

Everyone involved agreed early on that a policy was

needed in statute, so the Energy Committee will be introducing a bill intended to give the policy the force of law.

The work-group includes a wide spectrum of interests representing Alaska's diverse energy needs. Its members did a



Bristol Bay Borough Mayor Dan O'Hara delivers testimony to the House Committee on Energy in Anchorage Tuesday.

great job of reaching consensus to craft a bill we can all support.

Both the omnibus bill and the policy legislation are in the process of being drafted as of today's newsletter. Our committee will be launching a Web site when the drafts are ready for public viewing, and I will be sure to notify you when that happens.



Aleutians East Borough Mayor Stanley Mack was also among municipal officials who testified on Tuesday.

Governor's Rural Action Subcabinet to Visit Bristol Bay Communities Monday!

Continuing its series of outreach trips as it prepares recommendations to be presented to Governor Parnell next month, the Rural Subcabinet led by Attorney General Dan Sullivan will hold public hearings in Naknek and Dillingham next Monday. In addition to Mr. Sullivan, the visitors will include :

- ◆ Commissioner Click Bishop, Department of Labor
- ◆ Commissioner Joe Masters, Department of Public Safety
- ◆ Commissioner Emil Notti, Department of Commerce
- ◆ Commissioner Leo von Scheben, Department of Transportation
- ◆ John Moller, Office of the Governor, Rural Liaison
- ◆ Deputy Commissioner Michael Black, Department of Commerce
- ◆ Angelina Burney, Special Assistant, Department of Commerce

The public meeting in Naknek will be held at Dolly's Hall from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm.

In Dillingham—also on Monday—the subcabinet's public meeting will be at the City Council Chambers from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

I too will be attending, and I encourage everyone in these communities to take the opportunity to participate.

Bring Good Will and Good Ideas!

Unalaska's Public Library Lets Residents Check Out More Than Just Books

Follow the link below to find out how the City of Unalaska is helping locals learn about their energy consumption and find ways to conserve:

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/kial/news.newsmain/article/0/1/1579696/Local.News/Monitor.your.electric.usage.with.a.little.grey.box>

Send us your thoughts and concerns!

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