

Sectional Analysis for SB 280

Water/Sewer/Waste Grants To Utilities

An Act permitting grants to certain regulated public utilities for water quality enhancement projects and water, wastewater, and solid waste systems.

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Section 1 AS 46.03.030(b) : Allows a public utility as defined in section (i) of the bill, in addition to municipalities, to receive water quality enhancement, water supply and sewage facilities grants through the Department of Environmental Conservation. Grants can be used for water quality enhancement projects; a public water supply, treatment or discharge system; or a wastewater collection, treatment or discharge system.

Section 2 AS 46.03.030(e) : Maintains the current match ratio of:

- 85% of eligible costs for a municipality with a population of 1,000 persons or less;
- 70% of eligible costs for a municipality with a population of 1,001 to 5,000 ;
- 50% of eligible costs for a municipality with a population greater than 5,000

Section 3 AS 46.03.030(i) : Defines a utility that is eligible for a grant under 46.03.030(b)(1)-(3) as a public water and sewer utility whose rates are regulated by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska under 42.05