

# 2012 Proposed Alaska Legislation & Appropriations



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# Short-Term (0-3 years)

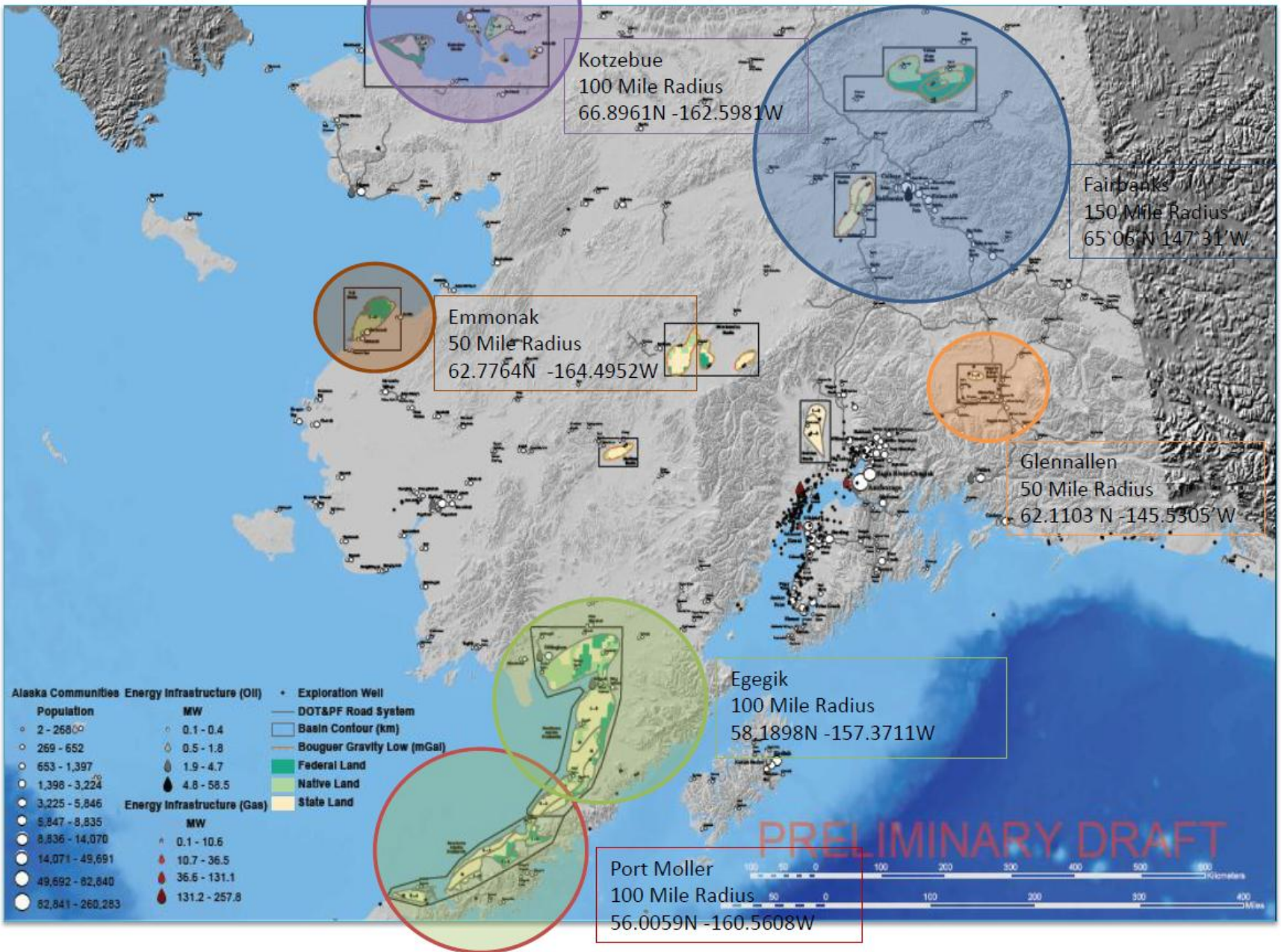


- **HB336/SB203** Energy Assistance Program & Vouchers.
  - *Provides 250 gallons of heating fuel or gas equivalent or 1500 kw for each person over the age of 18 who received a PFD.*
- **HB294** Power Cost Equalization: Includes Business.
  - *Currently provides subsidy to residences only up to 500 kw.*
  - *Proposed legislation provides subsidy up to 600 kw and available to small businesses.*
  - *Program used to cover up to 700 kw but cut back when oil dropped to \$9 per barrel.*

# Mid-Term (3-7 years)



- **HB276/SB145** Oil/Gas Production Tax Credits:
  - *Provides exploration & seismic credits for up to 6 areas throughout State identified by Department of Natural Resources to access oil & gas for local use.*
- **HB280/SB164** Oil & Gas Tax Credits:  
Kotzebue/Selawik. *Combined with HB276.*



# Mid-Term (3-7 years)



- **HB312** Low interest loan program to convert to natural gas, propane, biomass, or electric heating.
  - *Up to \$7,500 over 10-years at 1%.*
- **HB357/SB25** AIDEA Sustainable Energy Program.
  - *Allows AIDEA to participate in financing of power generation projects.*

# Long-Term



- **HB196 Bulk Fuel Loans/Power Project Fund.**
  - *Brings the Bridge Loan and Bulk Fuel Loan programs under the same agency thereby streamlining the process for communities.*
- **HB250/SB185 Extend Renewable Energy Grant Fund.**
  - *Currently the sunset is 2013, and this bill extends that to 2018.*

# Governor's Proposed Appropriations



AEA - Bulk Fuel Upgrades \$7,000,000.

*The goal of the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) bulk fuel program is to upgrade non-compliant bulk fuel facilities in communities that meet program criteria. This provides \$7 million of the total \$20 million needed.*

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AEA - Rural Power System Upgrades \$13,000,000.

*This program concentrates on power production and delivery, including diesel powerhouse, hydroelectric, and electrical distribution for local communities that cannot make the capital investments needed to meet accepted utility standards. It is not uncommon to see a 30-40 percent increase in fuel savings after a new powerhouse project is completed.*



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AEA - Alternative Energy & Energy Efficiency Programs \$4,800,000.

*These funds will be used as matching funds to leverage Federal dollars for energy projects.*

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AEA - Renewable Energy Grant Funds - Round V  
\$25,000,000.

*Last year this was \$36.6 million.*

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AEA - Electrical Emergencies Program \$330,000.

*The Electrical Emergencies program provides funds and technical support when an electric utility has lost, or will lose, the ability to generate or transmit power to its customers and the condition is a threat to life, health, and/or property.*

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AHFC - Weatherization Program \$31,500,000.

*Last year this was at \$64 million.*

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AHFC - Home Energy Rebates \$20,000,000.

*Last year this was \$37.5 million.*

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DHSS - Energy \$31,746,200.

*This is the AK-LIHEAP program otherwise known as the State Low Income Heating Assistance Program.*

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Power Cost Equalization \$38,190,000.

*Last year the State Legislature fully funded the PCE endowment by adding \$400 million to bring the total up to \$700 million.*

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\*Biomass: Last week the Energy Committee received a presentation on the Tok Biomass project. It was well received, and as a regional solution it is gaining serious consideration.