



March 10, 2026

Representative Ky Holland, Co-Chair
Representative Donna Mears, Co-Chair
House Energy Committee

Re: House Bill 328, Public Utilities: Investment Surcharge (version 34-LS1330\I)

Dear Co-Chairs Holland, and Mears, and members of the House Energy Committee,

The Alaska Chamber (the Chamber) writes to support House Bill 328, an Act relating to surcharges for strategic investments by public utilities

The Alaska Chamber is the state's largest statewide business advocacy organization. Our mission is to promote a healthy business environment in Alaska. The Chamber has more than 700 members and represents businesses of all sizes and industries from across the state, representing 58,000 Alaskan workers and \$4.6 billion in wages.

Reliable and affordable utility infrastructure is essential to Alaska's economic future, and House Bill 328 represents an important step toward ensuring our utility systems can continue to meet the needs of businesses, families, and communities across the state.

HB 328 would allow utility rates to better align with the actual costs of providing service. By allowing utilities to recover certain project costs more gradually, the bill helps moderate customer rates over time and reduce the large rate spikes that currently occur when utilities file for major rate adjustments after projects are completed. This approach provides greater predictability for both utilities and customers.

Under the current system, utilities cannot recover project costs until a project is fully completed, placed into service, and included in a formal rate case, often a process that takes years. This structure can delay necessary infrastructure investments that sustain and improve the reliability of Alaska's energy systems. HB 328 would help remove this barrier and support the timely development of projects that maintain and strengthen critical infrastructure.

Looking ahead, Alaska's ability to attract investment, grow our economy, and support thriving communities depends on reliable energy and utility systems. HB 328 helps ensure that utilities can responsibly invest in the infrastructure necessary to deliver these services while maintaining more stable and predictable rates for customers.

We urge legislators to fully support HB 328. Thank you for your consideration of the Chamber's comments on this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kati Capozzi'.

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