

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY'S (AEA) APPLICATION TO THE WOOD INNOVATIONS GRANT FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, The Alaska Energy Authority and the AWEDTG have program goals to increase the use of wood, woody biomass, woody residuals, and other biomass fuels for energy production in Alaska. There are currently over 50 wood heating systems operating in Alaska using local wood fuel to reduce the cost of energy in public facilities and create local jobs. Alaskans face some of the highest energy costs in our nation. Biomass systems leverage a renewable resource while decreasing the demand on fossil fuels, which has an outsized impact in many of our communities. Many of the villages that implement biomass systems are historically underserved and disadvantaged communities. Biomass systems stimulate job growth by reaching across industries, including foresters, loggers, and saw millers alike; and

WHEREAS, City of Dillingham supports efforts to reduce heating costs for members of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Energy Authority's (AEA) application to the Wood Innovations Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 will further the goal of lowering cost of heating for community members described above; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dillingham is pleased to support this application, which will have positive direct impacts for Alaskans and promote renewable energy. We urge your fullest support possible to AEA's Wood Innovation Grant application; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dillingham City Council supports the submittal of the Grant application by the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and receipt of the Wood Innovations Grant for Federal Fiscal Year 2025.

PASSED and ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Dillingham City Council on December 7th, 2024.

Alice Ruby, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Abigail Flynn, Acting City Clerk