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## House Bill 257 *Cook Inlet Seismic Data Access*

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As Alaska State Legislators, we are all committed to unlocking the vast potential of Cook Inlet for gas exploration and drilling. One way we can do this is by attempting to broaden access to state-owned seismic survey data. This legislation aims to enhance data access, allowing a wider range of experts and industry players to explore the geological intricacies of Cook Inlet. By making seismic data more accessible, we hope to stimulate interest and investment from new players in the energy sector. Our goal is to enhance energy security, support economic development, and ensure the sustainable management of Alaska's natural resources. This bill represents a pivotal step toward realizing the untapped potential of Cook Inlet, encouraging innovation, and fostering a competitive energy market.

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