

ALASKA'S ECONOMY

A bright future, but... are we prepared?

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Our future is bright...









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- 3. "Cutting government will save us"

..let's review these statements..



Can't we just wait on oil and gas development? or Oil price increases?



Good news in oil and gas...

I. Modest increases in production North Slope oil production forecast in 2018 at 533,000 barrels/day — up for the third year in a row



2. NPR-A beating expectations Conoco beat its flow projections at CD5 within NPR-A



3. New prospects on the horizon

Conoco's Greater Mooses Tooth start-up late 2018. ConocoPhillips at Willow, Caelus Energy at Smith Bay, Armstrong, Repsol, Oil Search at Pikka & Nanushu





Maybe even better than good...

4. ANWR Potential

First ANWR lease sale could occur by 2021-2022



5. North Slope future looks bright

With more leasing in NPR-A, plus ANWR, plus new discoveries west of Prudhoe Bay, the North Slope has decades of production potential



6. LNG Project

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All of this will require **billions** in private investment. When making a decision, investors look closely at profit potential and

and

fiscal stability

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Uncertainty is the enemy of investment

Private Construction spending in 2017 is supposed to be around 4 billion dollars. Using the 5 to 15% estimated by Jens (2013), we would conclude that the direct effects of policy uncertainty is costing the state somewhere between 200 and 600 million in private capital spending. The decline in spending due to policy uncertainty

would indicate that waiting is not a costless

option.



- Mouchine Guettabi, ISER (February 2018) What do we know to date about the Alaska recession and the fiscal crunch?



How does Alaska compete?

From an investors perspective...

A growing and diversifying economy

Promising investment opportunities

Annual political battles over deficit and taxes

Multiple years of drawing down savings

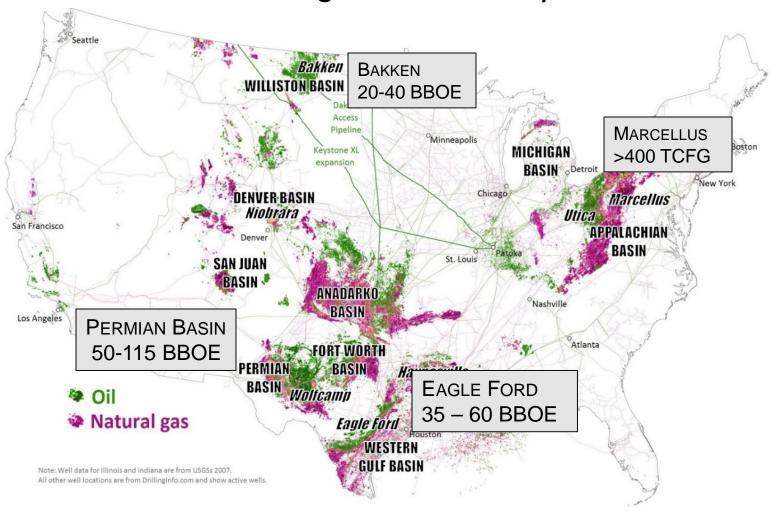
\$2.7 billion annual deficit

Overreliance on oil and gas revenues



Alaska's competition

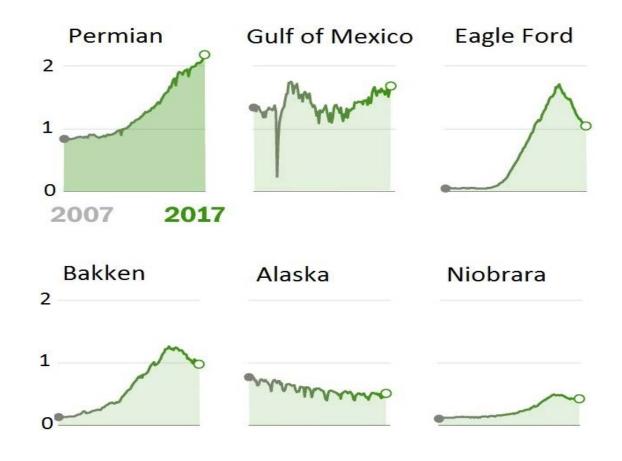
Active oil and gas wells February 2017





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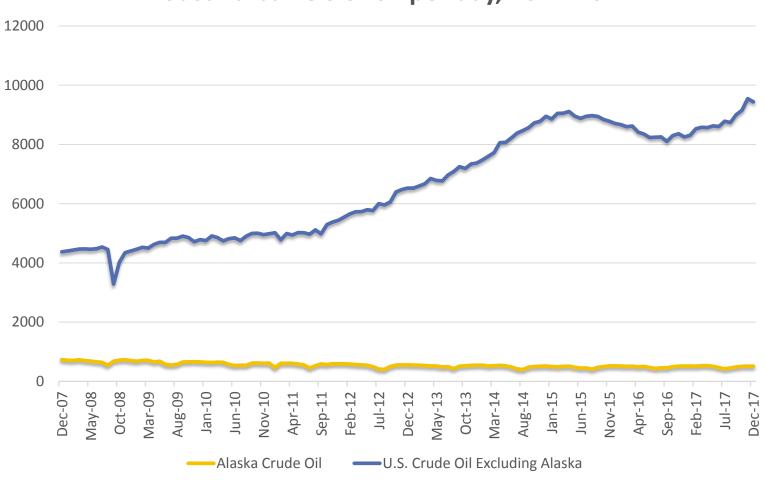
Oil Production by Geologic Region Millions of barrels of oil production per day, 2007-2017





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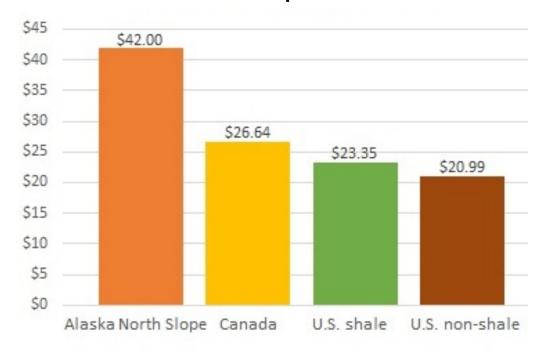
U.S. Crude Oil Production Thousand barrels of oil per day, 2017-2017





Are we competitive?

Production costs per barrel



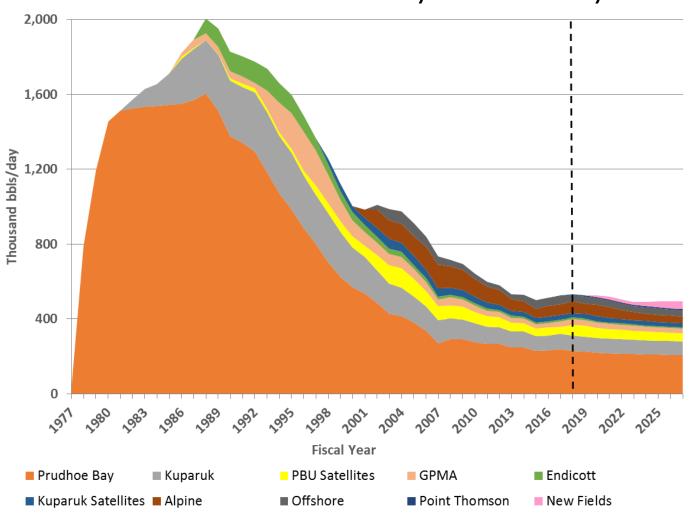
All numbers 2016. Cost is average of all barrels produced, including operating and capital expenses, transportation, royalty expenses, production and property taxes.

Sources: Alaska Department of Revenue Fall 2016 Revenue Source Book, Rystad Energy UCube



Can we rely solely on oil and gas?

Production Forecast: ANS History and Forecast by Pool





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Is economic development alone the solution?



You seem to be very well educated on stuff that you made up.





Economic development scenario

- Hypothesis: A company proposes a major investment in the Fairbanks North Star Borough
- 2. Evaluation: It must be economically viable for both the state and Fairbanks North Star Borough
- 3. Criteria: The project must pay its own way no subsidies



Hypothetical new factory in Fairbanks



5,000 new jobs (1,000 jobs filled by local residents)



4,000 new residents, some with families



2,500 new students for the school district



\$1 billion capital investment



4,000 new housing units at an average taxable value of \$200,000 per home



Fairbanks decision: New revenues



5,000 new jobs



4,000 new families



2,500 new students



4,000 new homes, **200,000** per home



\$1 billion capital investment

\$10 million a year in borough areawide property taxes on the new homes

\$12 million a year in borough areawide property taxes on capital investment

TOTAL: \$22 million / year



Fairbanks decision: More expenses



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2,500 new students



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2,500 students would be more than an 18% increase over current school district enrollment. The state pays almost 2/3 of the school district budget. An 18%-plus increase in the local share of K-12 funding would cost the borough about \$10 million a year.

TOTAL: \$10 million / year



Fairbanks - the math



5,000 new jobs





4,000 nev



2,500 nev

\$12 million available for other expenses

in

nomes



4,000 new **\$200,000** per nome



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Decision: Yes! The borough can cover the costs of the development.



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State - new revenues?



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State – new expenses



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\$1 billion capital investment

\$5 million a year in higher expenses for troopers, highways, courts, prisons, agency operations, etc.

\$25 million a year in increased school funding costs (18% gain in enrollment)



State – the math



5,000 new jobs

\$5 million a year in higher expenses for

ency



4,000 new

\$30 million in additional expenses
\$0 in new revenue



2,500 new



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State - It doesn't add up



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Decision:

increase without new

revenues

ency The state budget would



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The math

Fairbanks North Star Borough	State of Alaska	
4,000 jobs move to Fairbanks Borough	5,000 new jobs created in the borough	
\$22 million x revenues	No new re	
\$10 mi	\$25 m expen	
\$12 mile ergency services, cother needs	\$5 mills for troopers ons, Medicaid, co. stance, etc.	
New revenues exceed new expenses	\$30 million in additional expenses, no new revenues	
Can the borough afford it? Yes +\$12 million	Can the state afford it? No -\$30 Million	



Across communities, it's the same

Alaska Community	Local Impact	State Impact
Kenai Peninsula Borough	+4M +	-26.5M
Fairbanks North Star Borough	+12M	-30.M
Mat-Su Borough	+20M	-27M
City and Borough of Juneau	+13M 	-25M
Municipality of Anchorage	+9M +	-20M



That was a hypothetical scenario

...but diversifying Alaska's economy is not hypothetical...

\$1.801 billion

Unrestricted petroleum revenue

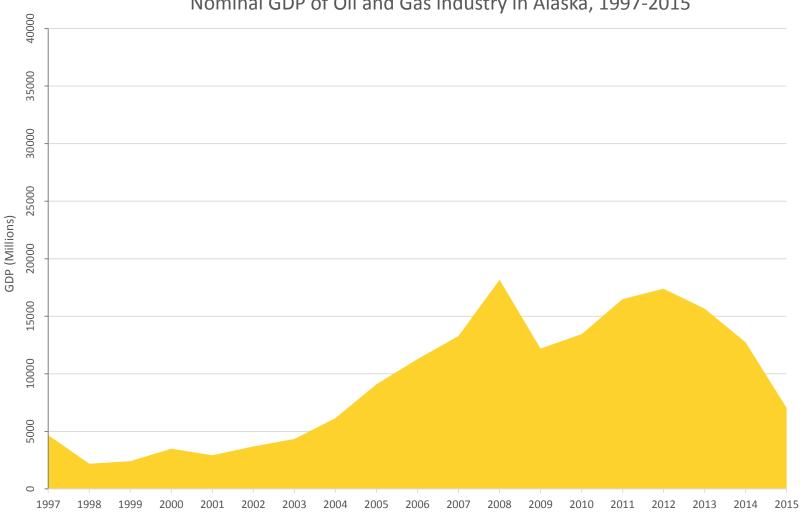
\$536 million

Non-petroleum unrestricted revenue (e.g. fishing, mining, motor fuel, alcohol, tobacco and marijuana taxes, corporate income taxes)



Oil and Gas GDP has grown, but is volatile

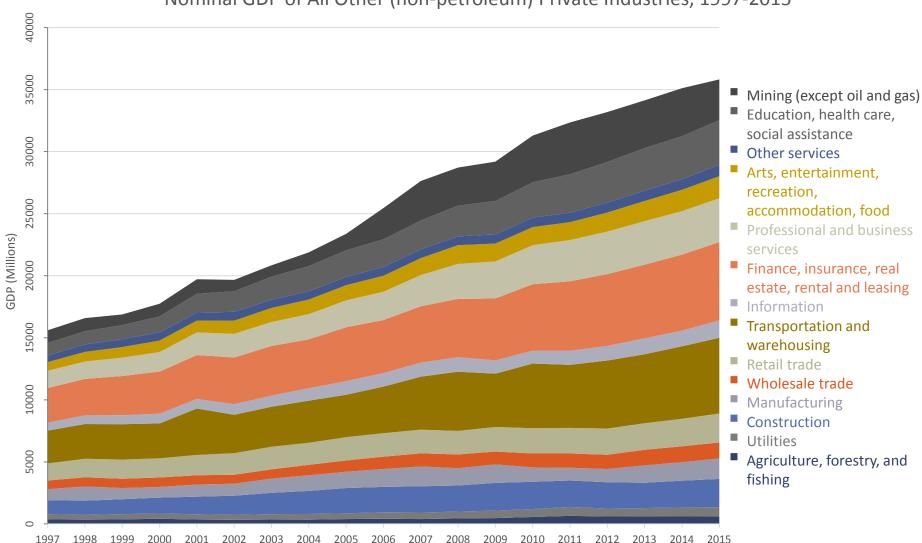






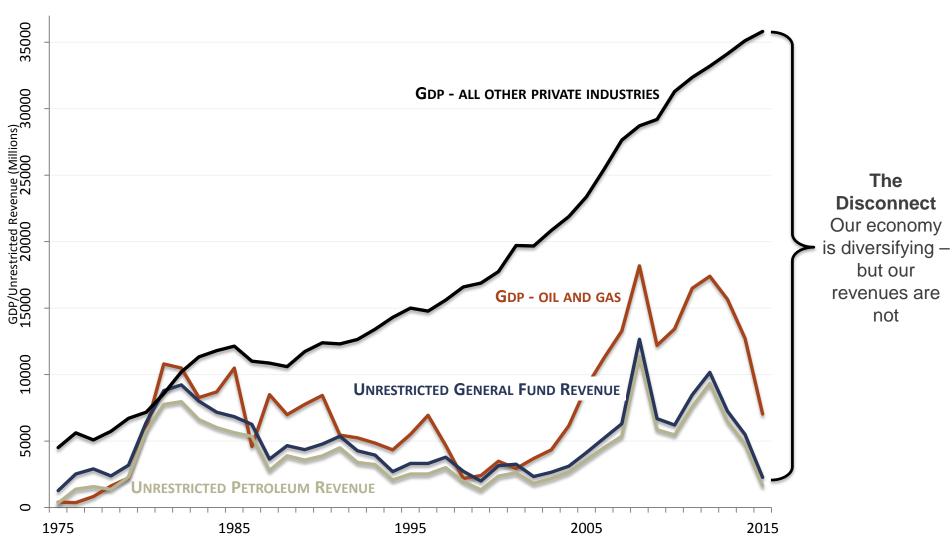
Other private sector industries growing steadily

Nominal GDP of All Other (non-petroleum) Private Industries, 1997-2015





The Disconnect





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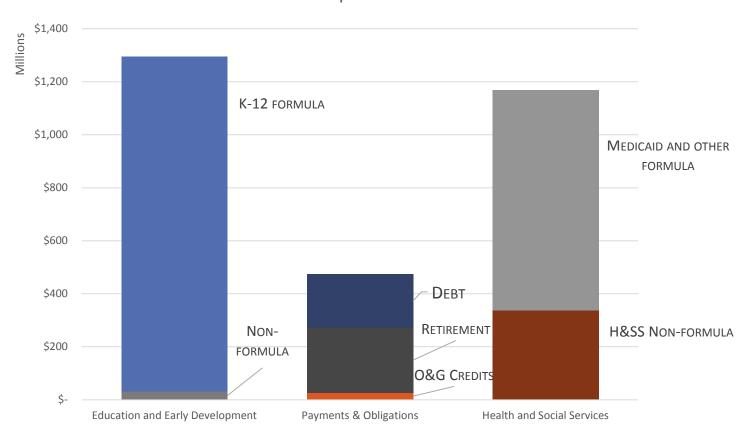


Can't we just cut expenses more?



Cuts have real impacts on services...

Top Three Unrestricted General Fund Spending Categories (FY19 Proposed) Total \$2.9 billion





State funds matter locally

Municipalities and schools depend on state help

Fairbanks North Star Borough and School District Fiscal Year 2017

Municipal community assistance \$3 million

State reimbursement of school bond debt \$9.6 million

State assistance for retirement liability \$13.6 million

Foundation formula funding K-12 schools \$116.7 million

Pupil transportation reimbursement \$12.3 million

\$155 million state funds for Fairbanks Borough



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Local Governments	Fiscal Year 2017
Kenai Peninsula Borough	\$103 million
Fairbanks North Star Borough	\$155 million
Mat Su Borough	\$223 million
City and Borough of Juneau	\$59 million
Municipality of Anchorage	\$443 million
Total	\$ 983 million

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The perfect solution?





The options...

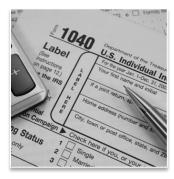


Budget Cuts?

- Easier said than done
- Priorities
- Philosophical differences
- Rhetoric
- Negative economic impacts

Taxes?

- Easier said than done
- Takes time
- Philosophical differences
- Rhetoric
- Negative economic impacts





Permanent Fund Earnings?

- Public Perceptions
- Political consequences
- Impacts to Permanent Fund growth
- Impacts to PFD
- Negative economic impacts



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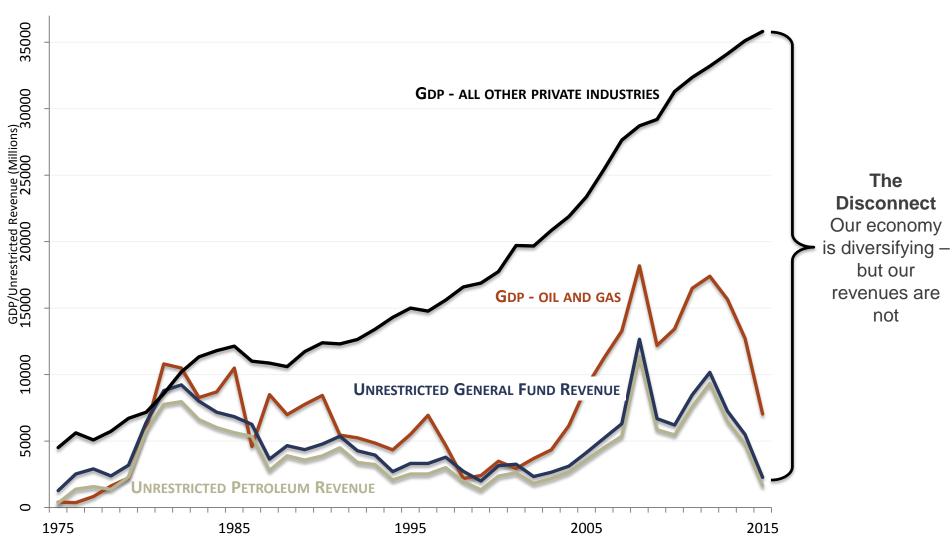








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