



Sectional Analysis

SB70

"An Act relating to exceptions from designation as a special purpose site under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Constitution of the State of Alaska for portions of Denali State Park, Captain Cook State Recreation Area, Nancy Lake State Recreation Area, and Willow Creek State Recreation Area to allow leasing a right-of-way for a natural gas pipeline."

Section 1. Denali State Park Corridor.

Part (a) of this Section authorizes issuance of a right-of-way lease under AS 38.35, the Pipeline Right of Way Leasing Act, for a gas pipeline in an identified corridor through Denali State Park. The corridor identified in the bill has been identified by both the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project and the AK LNG Project as sufficient to contain the final alignment through Denali State Park.

Part (b) of this Section requires that the land be managed as parkland until a right-of-way lease is issued and for the return of land to the park as it is released from a right-of-way lease either through contraction of the right of way or termination of the lease.

Part (c) of this Section contains supplemental requirements and guidance for any right-of-way lease passing through the park to minimize the impact of a pipeline on the park.

Part (d) of the section clarifies that in allowing limited right of way leasing within the exterior boundaries of the park, the commissioner's power to delegate condemnation authority to the lessee does not apply within the bounds of the park.

Finally, Part (e) of the section requires a lease to be issued, if at all, before January 1, 2020 to ensure that the identified corridor does not sit in limbo if no pipeline project goes forward.

Section 2. Captain Cook State Recreation Area Corridor.

Part (a) of this Section authorizes issuance of a right-of-way lease under AS 38.35, the Pipeline Right of Way Leasing Act, for a gas pipeline in an identified corridor through the Captain Cook State Recreation Area. The corridor identified in the bill has been identified by the AK LNG Project as sufficient to contain the final alignment through the Captain Cook State Recreation Area.

Part (b) of this Section requires that the land be managed as parkland until a right-of-way lease is issued and for the return of land to the recreation area as it is released from a right-of-way lease either through contraction of the right of way or termination of the lease.

Part (c) of this Section contains supplemental requirements and guidance for any right-of-way lease passing through the recreation area to minimize the impact of a pipeline on the recreation area.

Part (d) of the section clarifies that in allowing limited right of way leasing within the exterior boundaries of the park, the commissioner's power to delegate condemnation authority to the lessee does not apply within the bounds of the recreation area.

Finally, Part (e) of the section requires a lease to be issued, if at all, before January 1, 2020 to ensure that the identified corridor does not sit in limbo if no pipeline project goes forward.

Section 3. Nancy Lake State Recreation Area Corridor.

Part (a) of this Section authorizes issuance of a right-of-way lease under AS 38.35, the Pipeline Right of Way Leasing Act, for a gas pipeline in an identified corridor through Nancy Lake State Recreation Area. The corridor identified in the bill has been identified by the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project as sufficient to contain the final alignment through Nancy Lake State Recreation Area.

Part (b) of this Section requires that the land be managed as parkland until a right-of-way lease is issued and for the return of land to the recreation area as it is released from a right-of-way lease either through contraction of the right of way or termination of the lease.

Part (c) of this Section contains supplemental requirements and guidance for any right-of-way lease passing through the recreation area to minimize the impact of a pipeline on the recreation area.

Part (d) of the section clarifies that in allowing limited right of way leasing within the exterior boundaries of the park, the commissioner's power to delegate condemnation authority to the lessee does not apply within the bounds of the recreation area.

Finally, Part (e) of the section requires a lease to be issued, if at all, before January 1, 2020 to ensure that the identified corridor does not sit in limbo if no pipeline project goes forward.

Section 4. Willow Creek State Recreation Area Corridor.

Part (a) of this Section authorizes issuance of a right-of-way lease under AS 38.35, the Pipeline Right of Way Leasing Act, for a gas pipeline in an identified corridor through Willow Creek State Recreation Area. The corridor identified in the bill has been identified by the Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline Project as sufficient to contain the final alignment through Willow Creek State Recreation Area.

Part (b) of this Section requires that the land be managed as parkland until a right-of-way lease is issued and for the return of land to the recreation area as it is released from a right-of-way lease either through contraction of the right of way or termination of the lease.

Part (c) of this Section contains supplemental requirements and guidance for any right-of-way lease passing through the recreation area to minimize the impact of a pipeline on the recreation area.

Part (d) of the section clarifies that in allowing limited right of way leasing within the exterior boundaries of the park, the commissioner's power to delegate condemnation authority to the lessee does not apply within the bounds of the recreation area.

Finally, Part (e) of the section requires a lease to be issued, if at all, before January 1, 2020 to ensure that the identified corridor does not sit in limbo if no pipeline project goes forward.