

### **House Rules Committee**

# CSHB247(RLS)\D

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## Agenda

Look back since SB21 passed

Economic Environment

Key Concerns with CSHB247(RLS)\D

Observations

### Activities Since Tax reform (MAPA) Passed

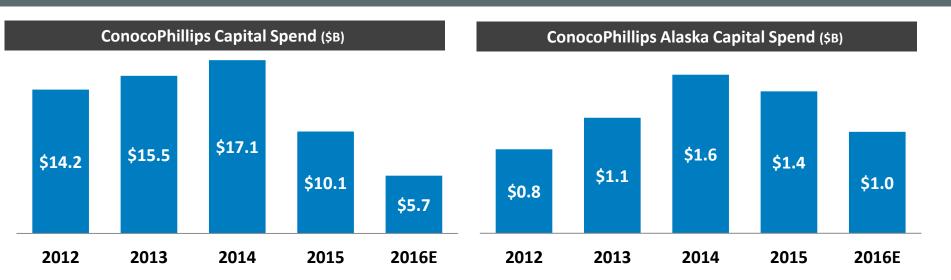
- Added two rigs to the Kuparuk rig fleet
  - Investment has decreased Kuparuk Unit decline
- Two new-build rigs are on order deliver 2016
- New Drill site at Kuparuk (DS 2S) on stream October 12, 2015
  - Estimated 8,000 BOPD peak production rate
  - About \$500 million gross cost to develop
  - 250+ construction jobs
- Viscous oil expansion in Kuparuk (1H NEWS)
  - About 8,000 BOPD gross, 100+ construction jobs
  - About \$450 million gross cost to develop
  - Under construction first oil 2017
- New development in NPRA (GMT1)
  - Final investment decision made late 2015
  - About \$900 million gross cost to develop; peak gross rate ~30,000 BOPD
  - About 600-700 construction jobs
  - First oil 2018
- Permitting underway for GMT2
  - \$1+ billion gross investment
  - Will create 600-700 jobs during construction



#### Active Exploration Program

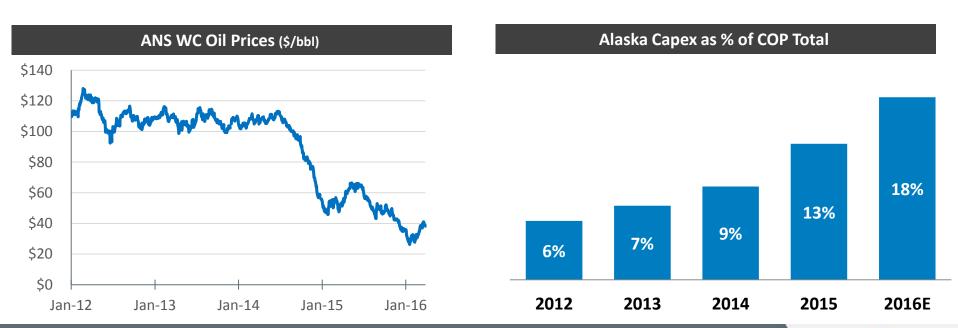
- Two wells drilled in 2014
- Acquired GMT1 Seismic 2015
- Three wells in 2016 (NPRA)

### **Capital Spending Trends**

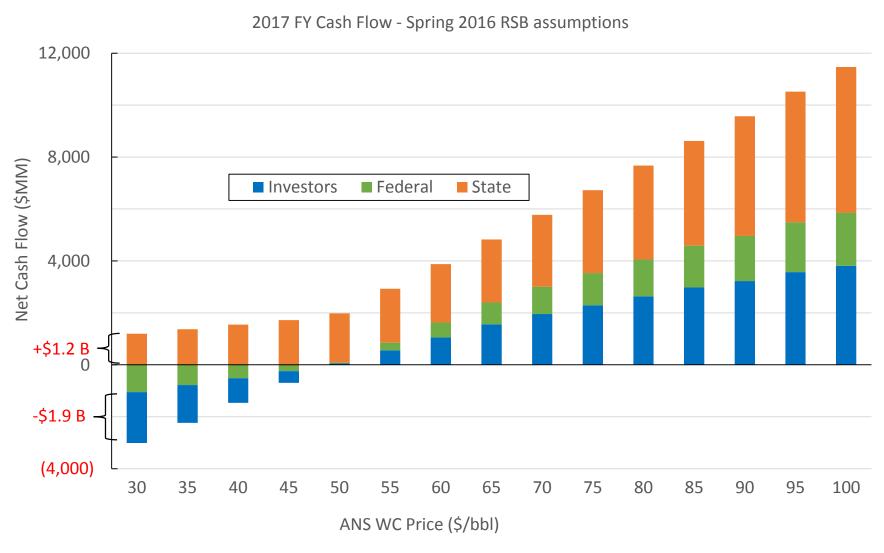


**Total Company capital reduced 63% since 2014** 

2016E Alaska capex ~ 25% higher than ACES years (~\$0.8 B/yr 2007-2012)



#### North Slope Investors Negative at Current Pricing



State share shown excludes tax credits other than production tax credits

#### Tax Credits and Applicability to COP

Tax Credit Type	Total FY17 estimate, \$MM	Total reimbursable	COP reimbursement	Total used against severance tax liability	COP used against severance tax liability
Net operating loss	452	370	0 – Not eligible	82	O. Possible for calendar year '16, but self correcting.
Exploration	76	76	0 – Not eligible	0	Possible for 2016. Expires this year.
Small producer	27	NA	NA	27	0 – Not eligible
Per barrel production credit	16	NA	NA	16	Depends upon oil price and expenditures.
Cook Inlet and Middle Earth	337	326	0 – Not eligible	11	O. Assumes sale of Tyonek. Kenai LNG not deductible.
Total	908	772	0 – Not eligible	136	Potential for an NOL. Dependent upon oil price and expenditures.

- In 2015, COP incurred obligations to the SoA of \$665MM. Negative cash flow in excess of \$100MM.
- In 1Q 2016, incurred obligations of \$77MM. Cash flow approximately -\$100MM.

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#### Key Concerns with Original HB247

- Increase in minimum tax from 4% to 5%
  - 25% tax increase when industry in negative cash flow position
  - ConocoPhillips in excess of \$100 MM cash flow negative in 2015 & Q1 2016
- Hard minimum tax floor
  - Represents a potential tax increase when oil prices are low moving in the wrong direction
- Increase interest rate on taxes due
  - Current tax system leads to uncertainty on final tax amount due until audits have been completed
  - Pace of completing audits and appeals (6+ years) leads to excessive interest charges
- Restricting credits to the monthly installment contradicts the principle of an annual tax levy
- Taxpayer confidentiality

#### View on Current Draft CSHB247 (RLS) \ D

- NOL tax credit extend through 2019 consistent with small producer tax credits
  - Not anticipating long-term loss position
- Interest rate increased without addressing underlying audit issues
- GVR 10-year time limit potentially makes new oil developments less competitive
- Disclosure requirements reasonably restricted to reimbursable credit related information

#### Observations

- CSHB247(RLS) \ D an improvement over original bill
- Any changes that increase tax burden/costs could adversely impact ConocoPhillips current and future investments
- Significant changes in tax law would validate concerns regarding State's ability to implement a stable oil and gas fiscal policy
  - Only 20 months since SB21 ratified by voters
  - Long-term investment requires durable, reasonable fiscal framework