

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Interim – May-December:
1292 Sadler Way Rm. 323
Fairbanks, AK 99701
907-452-1088



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State Capitol Rm 500
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Sponsor Statement for HB 119

The Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) was established in 2010 with the passage of HB 369 in the 26th Legislature. The legislative findings in HB369 stated that “the state’s significant reserves of natural gas should be made available on a priority basis in the state to enhance employment opportunities, expands the state’s economy, and supply a significant portion of community energy needs”. The 28th Legislature established AGDC as an independent corporation (HB 4) broadened the scope of AGDC’s purpose to advance a liquified natural gas project in the state (SB 138).

According to the 2020 Census, the Fairbanks North Star Borough (FNSB) is home to nearly 95,655 residents with 32,515 of them residing within the city limits of Fairbanks. These statistics make the Fairbanks North Star Borough the largest community in Interior Alaska and the City of Fairbanks the 2nd largest city by population in the state.

As discussions of an Alaska LNG project have ramped up in recent years, the topic of the proposed route has been of interests to interior legislators since it bypasses the Fairbanks community to the point where a direct spur line is necessary to provide natural gas. AGDC maintains that the development of a spur line to Fairbanks and 34 other identified communities, although technically feasible, would need to be evaluated prior to construction.

HB 119 simply ensures that the development of a spur line to the City of Fairbanks and the Fairbanks North Star Borough be included in the Alaska LNG project by enshrining such language in the charter governing AGDC.