

SB

322

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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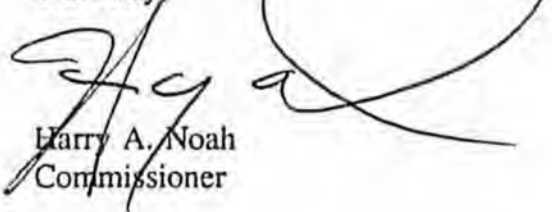
The Honorable Mike Miller, Chairman
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 423
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Senator Miller:

The Department of Natural Resources supports SB 322, an Act entitled "An Act Repealing the Limitation on Delays Imposed on Oil and Gas Lease Sales Under the Alaska Land Act." The purpose of this legislation is to amend AS 38.05.180(c), to remove the requirement that the department conduct a competitive oil and gas lease sale within 90 days of the quarter in which the sale is originally scheduled in the department's Five-Year Leasing Schedule.

We support this change because it will allow the department greater flexibility to delay sales, if there are valid reasons for doing so, without running the risk of having to reschedule the sale for a minimum of two full calendar years. This added flexibility should reduce the program's exposure to procedural appeals and allow greater time for public participation as the need arises.

Sincerely,



Harry A. Noah
Commissioner

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cc: James Eason, Director
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA

BILL NO. SB322

1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date: Original Dept Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: "An Act repealing the limitation on delays imposed BRU: Resource Development
on oil and gas lease sales under the Alaska Land Act." Component: Oil & Gas Development
 Sponsor: Senate Resources Committee
 Requestor: Senate Resources Committee Component Serial No. 439

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY95 | FY96 | FY97 | FY98 | FY99 | FY00 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| PERSONAL SERVICES | | | | | | |
| TRAVEL | | | | | | |
| CONTRACTUAL | | | | | | |
| SUPPLIES | | | | | | |
| EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
| LAND & STRUCTURES | | | | | | |
| GRANTS, CLAIMS | | | | | | |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURES | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| CHANGE IN REVENUES () | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1003 GF Match | | | | | | |
| 1004 GF | | | | | | |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts | | | | | | |
| 1006 GF/MHTIA | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

Estimate of any current year (FY94) cost: \$ None

POSITIONS

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FULL-TIME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PART-TIME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TEMPORARY | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This change will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Natural Resources

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