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Sponsor Statement

SB 69 – Grant to Arctic Power for ANWR

SB 69 appropriates \$1.2 million in general funds to Arctic Power for its efforts to secure support for legislation opening ANWR to oil exploration.

The bill also includes a general fund appropriation of \$100,000 to the native village of Kaktovik for their community outreach effort to open ANWR.

Arctic Power is a private non-profit entity that has been coordinating the effort to open ANWR for over 12 years. State funding has previously been awarded to them for that effort. They have provided such things as Congressional member visitations to ANWR as well as providing travel for ANWR advocates to other states to advocate for opening the area.

The decrease in production from existing fields negatively impacts state revenues. By opening ANWR, we will be adding new fields to provide new revenues for our future generations.

