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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 241

Short Title: Appropriation: Natural Gas Development Authority

Summary:

- Appropriates \$1.65 million to the Department of Revenue for work related to bringing North Slope natural gas to market during Fiscal Year 2004. The appropriation lapses June 30, 2005.
- The language of the appropriation is broad enough to cover work for the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority as well as technical expertise critical to ongoing negotiations under the Stranded Gas Development Act.
- Letter of intent stipulates that at least \$650,000 be allocated directly to the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority.

Benefits:

- Provides the Department with the funds necessary to complete financial analyses necessary to continue negotiations with current and anticipated applicants.
- Enables the Department to perform comparative analyses as federal enabling legislation or fiscal incentives modify contract terms.
- Allows the Department to work with ANGDA to determine:
 1. Business structure for the lowest cost-of-service
 2. Integrated benefits to Alaska and Alaskans
 3. Key project design, cost, and schedule elements

Background:

ANGDA was created by a voter-approved citizens' initiative in the 2002 general election. SB 241 has the support of the ANGDA board of directors and was endorsed by its CEO, Harold Heinze. The Department of Revenue has approved or is reviewing several applications under the Stranded Gas Development Act.