



RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Growing Alaska Through Responsible Resource Development

2026 State Legislative Priorities

The Resource Development Council of Alaska (RDC) is a statewide business association comprised of individuals and companies from Alaska's fishing, timber/forest products, mining, oil and gas, and tourism industries. RDC's membership includes Alaska Native corporations, local communities, organized labor, and industry support firms. RDC's purpose is to encourage a strong, diversified private sector in Alaska and expand the state's economic base through the responsible development of our natural resources.

Advocate and provide support for policies and legislation that encourage responsible resource development.

Stable, long-term fiscal plan

- Encourage the legislature to create a stable state budget over the long term using measured fiscal reforms and utilization of Permanent Fund earnings tied to a rules-based framework. This budgetary planning should:
 - Include a meaningful spending cap that promotes fiscal discipline and predictability;
 - Adhere to the 5 percent POMV draw to protect the long-term sustainability of the Permanent Fund;
 - Maintain adequate funding for essential state functions so Alaskans continue to have reliable access to core government services; and
 - Rely on existing revenue sources and efficiencies rather than imposing new taxes.
- Advocate to diversify and expand the economy in Alaska, by reducing the budget deficit to encourage long-term investment by the private sector.
- Advocate for the utilization of federal funds to efficiently advance key statewide infrastructure projects to support resource development.

*UGF includes: Operating budget, capital budget, statewide obligations, but not the deferral of liabilities.

A robust private sector and a stable permitting process

- Advocate for tax policy and regulatory stability that enhance the State of Alaska's competitiveness for all industries to attract new investment and grow the economy.
- Encourage elected officials and state agencies to defend and promote Alaska's effective and rigorous regulatory process.
- Support state assumption of primacy over federal permitting programs to bring stability, efficiency and certainty to support resource development.
- Support and advocate for state and local efforts to lift federal public lands orders, such as PLO 5150, and regulations limiting and/or restricting reasonable access, development and delivery of state resources.

Initiative reform

- Advocate for changes to the initiative process that would nullify a ballot initiative if a court finds any segment of the initiative to be unconstitutional.
- Advocate for changes to the initiative process that create more transparency and better public policy in a comprehensive and balanced manner, to equally benefit both the voters and the legislative process.

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