

HOUSE BILL NO. 239

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHENAULT

Introduced: 4/26/17

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a limitation on the powers of a port authority to engage in a**
2 **liquefied natural gas project related to the transportation of natural gas produced on**
3 **the North Slope of Alaska; and providing for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 *** Section 1.** AS 29.35.620 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

6 (b) Notwithstanding the powers granted under (a) of this section, an authority
7 that has not issued bonds or bond anticipation notes for the development, financing,
8 construction, or operation of a liquefied natural gas project before the effective date of
9 this Act may not engage in the development, financing, construction, or operation of a
10 liquefied natural gas project that produces or transports to tidewater or a market in this
11 state natural gas that is produced from a state oil and gas lease or gas only lease that
12 includes land north of 68 degrees North latitude. In this subsection,

13 (1) "gas treatment plant" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390;

14 (2) "liquefied natural gas plant" has the meaning given in

1 AS 31.25.390;

2 (3) "liquefied natural gas project" means a project that includes a
3 natural gas pipeline, gas treatment plant, liquefied natural gas plant, or marine
4 terminal;

5 (4) "marine terminal" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390;

6 (5) "natural gas pipeline" has the meaning given in AS 31.25.390.

7 (c) Subsection (b) of this section does not prohibit an authority from
8 developing, financing, constructing, or operating a natural gas distribution system
9 within a municipality that has created or joined the authority.

10 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).