



2019 AGC of Alaska Legislative Priorities

Priority I.

Position Statement: Ensure the State of Alaska's fiscal plan includes strategies to support, enhance, and diversify Alaska's private economy by promoting and attracting investment for infrastructure, including legacy projects.

The construction industry has been significantly impacted by the lack of a capital budget for the last several years. AGC of Alaska membership has not had the opportunity to maximize the productivity of their workforce due to this lack of work. The work of our membership benefits the economy and the State of Alaska. AGC of Alaska requests the following:

- Prioritize funding for a capital budget and deferred maintenance program
- Maximize state match funds for federally funded projects
- Support of legacy projects, recognizing the investment the State has made thus far, ensuring those investments are not wasted.

Priority II.

Position Statement: Alaska's workers' compensation insurance rates rank among the highest in the nation, affecting every Alaskan employer and making Alaska less competitive in creating and maintaining jobs.

The recent rate reductions were due to the industry's efforts in reducing workplace injuries and mandating safety as an extremely important part of the workplace culture. We support comprehensive reform to the Alaska workers' compensation statutes that emphasizes effective injury treatment and promote injury recovery and returning Alaska's workers to full employment quickly. Key reform points include:

- Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits
- Adhere to statutory requirements in relation to attorney fees
- Focus on proven outcome-based treatment
- Claims adjudication process review
- Address opioid abuse, prescription drug abuse



Priority III.

Position Statement: Responsible development for all of Alaska's industries to include timely review of projects which support construction and the overall economy of Alaska.

The AGC of Alaska supports a significant increase in responsible natural resource development and encourages the Alaska Legislature and the Administration to uphold Alaska's regulatory and permitting laws and policies that will facilitate additional exploration, site development, employment, infrastructure, research and natural resource production in Alaska. AGC of Alaska suggests:

- Addressing a term limit on any permit review process
- Establishing time lines and/or maximum length of time for those permit term limits
- Maximize AIDEA and other private/public partnership opportunities to promote and support resource development
- Support private investment in State projects, especially those that are viewed as high-risk investments.