

# **ACES: working well but needs adjustment**

**Parnell says that the tax credit rules could be improved to provide further exploration and development incentives; no rate changes**

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*The following is an excerpt from the full article:*

## **No rate changes**

The state administration does not propose making any changes to the ACES tax rates.

The administration's discussions with oil companies failed to reveal any evidence that the lowering of the progressive tax rates in ACES would result in new investments and new jobs in Alaska, regardless of claims that lower rates would make Alaska more competitive for those investments, Parnell said. Lowering the tax rates would simply provide the oil companies with more money to invest wherever they wish.

**“At this moment I am working for providing more opportunity for Alaskans in jobs,” Parnell said. “I’m not interested in changing progressivity so they (the companies) can take that money and invest it somewhere else. If they’re willing to invest it here, I’m open to considering it, but I’m standing up for Alaskans in this, not some other country.”**