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MEMORANDUM

January 15, 2009

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of House Bill No. 12
(Work Order No. 26-LS0068/R)

TO: Representative Craig Johnson
Attn: Jeanne Ostnes

FROM: Alpheus Bullard *AB*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Provides legislative findings relating to invasive species and the need for a cooperative means of developing a statewide plan that will address the threat posed by invasive species.

Section 2. Adds a new article to AS 03.22 (Alaska Council on Invasive Species).

Sec. 03.22.100. Establishes the Alaska Council on Invasive Species in the Department of Fish and Game.

Sec. 03.22.110. Addresses council membership and membership terms.

Sec. 03.22.120. Provides that the members of the council who are not state employees serve without compensation.

Sec. 03.22.130. Allows the Commissioner of Fish and Game to employ clerical staff to assist the council.

Sec. 03.22.140. Addresses council meetings.

Sec. 03.22.150. Provides that the council shall select a presiding officer and may, if it chooses, elect other officers.

Sec. 03.22.160. Requires the council to submit an annual report to the governor and the presiding officer of each house of the legislature by December 15 of each year. The report must detail the council's activities in the preceding calendar year and the council's priorities for the next calendar year.

Sec. 3.22.170. Establishes the duties of the council.

Sec. 03.22.180. Provides that the council will create a triennial plan for the control of invasive species. Requires the council to annually choose one project for action by entities coordinating with the council. The plan must be submitted to the governor and the presiding officer of each house of the legislature by September 15 triennially.

Sec. 03.22.190. Allows the council to establish advisory and technical groups. Requires the council to invite and accept nominations for memberships on the advisory and technical groups.

Sec. 03.22.200. Provides that invasive species control and education efforts initiated by the council will be undertaken in cooperation with federal laws and initiatives.

Sec. 03.22.210. Requires that all state agencies cooperate with the council.

Sec. 03.22.220. Provides that the council may exercise its duties with a person, other entity, or other governmental agency.

Sec. 03.22.249. Provides the Article's definitions.

Section 3. Repeals the provisions of the Act on December 31, 2020.

Section 4. Provides that the first meeting of the council will be convened by the Commissioner of Fish and Game and provides what shall be addressed at that meeting.

Section 5. Provides that the terms of the first appointed members of the council shall be set to achieve staggered terms.

Section 6. Requires that the annual reports from the council submitted before December 15, 2011 include the council's recommendations addressing statutes and regulations relating to the council, and requires the initial triennial strategic plan to be completed by September 15, 2011.