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Sponsor Statement

CSHB 185 –27th Legislature

CSHB 185(Res) amends Alaska's Waste Management and Disposal Authorization (AS 46.03.100(e)) such that the use of military ranges can occur in accordance with the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Additionally, CSHB 185 clarifies that all military services, such as the U.S. Coast Guard, conducting training activities on an active range, would be exempt from regulation unless otherwise regulated under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

This amendment is important because current state law could be interpreted to restrict the use of Alaska military ranges in a way not required by federal law.

This bill is supported by DMVA, DEC, and the Region 10 USAF Regional Environmental Coordinator Office.

I appreciate the committee's consideration for this bill and request your support.