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Sponsor Statement

DISTRICT Q

SB 77 "An Relating to Big Game Hunting With Children."

Anchor Point

Clam Gulch

Cohoe

Diamond Ridge

Fox River

Fritz Creek

Funny River

Halibut Cove

Happy Valley

Homer

Kachemak City

Kachemak Selo

Kalifornsky

Kasilof

Kenai

Nikolaevsk

Ninilchik

Razdolna

Ridgeway

Seldovia

Soldotna

Voznesenka

Since long before statehood, Alaska has enjoyed a long history rich with the subsistence, social and cultural benefits, as well as the generational outdoor traditions derived from Alaska's hunting culture. Such traditions and the outdoor legacy in the best interest of all Alaskans, is most effectively passed on to the next generation by encouraging young people to hunt responsibly.

The Board of Game currently possesses the ability to establish special hunts to ensure the responsible instruction and indoctrination of young hunters. This bill will give the board more flexibility to establish youth hunts.

Encouraging youth to responsibly participate and carry on Alaska's great hunting tradition and outdoor heritage is very important for youth development and quality multi-generational outdoor experiences. I hope you will consider supporting this important bill.