

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 161(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/26/14

Referred: Rules

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES GATTIS, Neuman, Hughes, Johnson, Costello, Munoz, Millett, Holmes,
Peggy Wilson, Keller, LeDoux, Tuck**

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to auctions or raffles for big game harvest permits and to the selection**
2 **of nonprofit organizations to conduct auctions and raffles for the Department of Fish**
3 **and Game."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05.343(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The department may donate [ONE BISON HARVEST PERMIT] each
7 year [FOR A BISON FROM THE DELTA BISON HERD] for a competitive auction
8 or raffle **harvest permits for four elk from the Etolin Island herd, one bison, and**
9 **one Dall sheep.** The donation may be made only to a nonprofit corporation
10 established to promote **education in outdoor traditions and conservation and**
11 **wildlife protection programs in partnership with the department** [FISH AND
12 GAME LAW ENFORCEMENT], subject to the terms of a memorandum of
13 **agreement** [UNDERSTANDING] developed by the department.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.343(c) is amended to read:

(c) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, may issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to **two harvest permits each year for Dall sheep, up to two harvest permits each year for bison, and up to four** [TWO] harvest permits each year for each of the following big game species: [DALL SHEEP, BISON,] musk ox, brown or grizzly bear, **black bear**, moose, caribou, **goat, elk**, and wolf. Notwithstanding AS 36.30, the department may authorize a qualified organization **selected under (e) of this section** to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the department. If the department does authorize a qualified organization to conduct an auction or raffle for a big game species, the department shall make available to a qualified organization [BASED IN THE STATE] at least one harvest permit for that species. If the auction or raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the organization may retain an amount from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle equal to the administrative cost of the auction or raffle plus an amount not to exceed **30** [10] percent of the net proceeds. The **percent of the** proceeds from the auction or raffle of a big game harvest permit **retained by the organization** may **be used only to support outdoor tradition education projects and conservation and wildlife protection programs approved by the department** [NOT BE USED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO ANY CANDIDATE FOR POLITICAL OFFICE OR TO ANY ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING OR OPPOSING BALLOT PROPOSITIONS OR TO PAY EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH LOBBYING THE LEGISLATURE OR ADMINISTRATION]. All proceeds from the auction or raffle of the big game harvest permit less the amount that is retained by a qualified organization under this subsection shall be deposited in the fish and game fund under AS 16.05.100. **Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a** [A] person who is issued a big game harvest permit under this subsection shall receive upon the person's request a complimentary hunting license and a big game tag for the big game species for which the big game harvest permit is issued. A hunting license issued under this subsection must bear the inscription "Governor's license" or a similar designation. A person who receives a big game harvest permit, hunting license, or big game tag under this subsection may exercise the privileges conveyed by the permit, license, or tag only in accordance with **conditions set by the commissioner** [APPLICABLE LAW]. In this

subsection, "qualified organization" means **an organization selected under (e) of this section** [A NONPROFIT CORPORATION ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE FISH AND GAME LAW ENFORCEMENT OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE MANAGEMENT OF HUNTED GAME SPECIES AND USE OF GAME POPULATIONS FOR HUNTING AND THAT COMPLIES WITH APPLICABLE LAWS GOVERNING ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION].

* **Sec. 3.** AS 16.05.343 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) The department may select a nonprofit organization that promotes education in outdoor traditions and that conducts conservation and wildlife protection programs to conduct auctions or raffles for the department under (c) of this section. An organization selected under this subsection is a qualified organization for purposes of (c) of this section if the organization

(1) is incorporated in the state as a nonprofit corporation; and

(2) in the judgment of the department, demonstrates support for a state-based model through a user pays system based on sustained yield and use principles.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 16.05.343(b) is repealed.