#### Fiscal Note State of Alaska Bill Version: HB 103 2015 Legislative Session Fiscal Note Number: () Publish Date: Identifier: HB103-DFG-BDS-02-13-15 Department: Department of Fish and Game Title: **BOARDS OF FISH/GAME REGULATION** Appropriation: Administration and Support Fish and Game Boards and Advisory Committees **AUTHORITY** Sponsor: WILSON OMB Component Number: 2825 Requester: House Special Committee on Fisheries Expenditures/Revenues Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars) Included in FY2016 Governor's **Out-Year Cost Estimates** Appropriation FY2016 Requested Request **OPERATING EXPENDITURES** FY 2016 FY 2016 FY 2019 FY 2020 FY 2017 **FY 2018** FY 2021 **Personal Services** Travel Services Commodities Capital Outlay **Grants & Benefits** Miscellaneous **Total Operating** 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 **Fund Source (Operating Only)** None Total 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 **Positions** Full-time Part-time **Temporary** Change in Revenues **Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost:** (separate supplemental appropriation required) 0.0 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section) Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: (separate capital appropriation required) (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section) **ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS** Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

# Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

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Agency:

Initial fiscal note

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### FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### **Analysis**

House Bill 103 would prohibit the Board of Fisheries (BOF) and the Board of Game (BOG) from adopting, amending, or repealing regulations unless it was recommended by an advisory committee, a state agency, or a person petitioning the board.

The BOF and BOG create "board generated proposals" to address emerging issues that are otherwise unaddressed by proposals within the normal cycles, by emergency petitions, or other approved means by the public. These proposals will often address immediate issues of importance and are required to adhere to the same regulatory timelines as other proposals in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act AS 44.62.310.

Costs may be fairly assessed in the board process based on the number of proposals it receives. From FY2011-FY2014, the average number of proposals received between both boards in a year is 579 (337 for BOF and 242 for BOG). This generates a set number of meeting days in a year, which from FY11-FY14 is an average of 52 by both boards - 33 for BOF and 19 for BOG. Based on total proposals and number of meeting days, the average number of proposals per meeting day handled by the boards is approximately 11 proposals per day. The average for BOF is approximately 10, while the BOG is approximately 12.

Taking away the ability for the board to generate proposals in essence reduces their workload. It would not add cost. Rather, it may have the effect of reducing costs. However, the boards generate proposals on an infrequent basis. The BOF created less than 10 in the last four fiscal years. The BOG creates an estimate of no more than 5 annually. Board generated proposals are too infrequent to impact cost.

This analysis is predicated on the bill impacting only board generated proposals. If it impacts the ability of the boards to amend proposals before them at board meetings, it is uncertain what that would do to the workload of the boards.

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