

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 105  
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Identifier: HB105-DNR-MLW-2-8-17  
Title: DENALI WOLF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA  
Sponsor: JOSEPHSON  
Requester: (H) RES

Department: Department of Natural Resources  
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources  
Allocation: Mining, Land & Water  
OMB Component Number: 3002

## Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

|                        | FY2018<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2018<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |         |         |         |         |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2018                              | FY 2018  | FY 2019                 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 | FY 2022 | FY 2023 |
| Personal Services      | ***                                  |  | ***                     | ***     | ***     | ***     | ***     |
| Travel                 |                                      |  |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Services               |                                      |  |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Commodities            |                                      |  |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Capital Outlay         |                                      |  |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Grants & Benefits      |                                      |  |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Miscellaneous          |                                      |  |                         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Operating</b> | ***                                  | <b>0.0</b>                                     | ***                     | ***     | ***     | ***     | ***     |

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

|              |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| None         |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Total</b> | *** | <b>0.0</b> | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** |

## Positions

|           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Change in Revenues

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)  
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost:** 0.0 (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? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 12/31/19

## Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

The bill proposes to create the Gordon Haber Denali Wolf Special Management Area under AS 41.21 to protect wolves from hunting and trapping in the area adjacent to Denali National Park.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) assumes this bill is intended to maintain current authorities and responsibilities of the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Board of Game, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska Department of Transportation, and Alaska Department of Public Safety, which respectively make, implement, and enforce decisions in the area. This would include the management authority assigned to the Denali Borough for its approved municipal entitlement selections within the area.

If DNR is only to manage its existing authorities and responsibilities for state-owned land within the area, then the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate as DNR does not currently have sufficient information on the anticipated costs, or the expertise, to revise its land management plans and land management regulations to facilitate the intent of the proposed legislation to protect wolves from hunting and trapping. Under this proposed legislation, DNR would be required to revise its land use regulations to provide for wolf protection measures on DNR-managed state land. To accomplish this, DNR will need to conduct a broad scale scoping effort to gather relevant facts and information to determine appropriate amendments to the Yukon Tanana Area Plan and regulatory measures that would be necessary to tailor the land use authorizations issued within the proposed special management area to implement the intent of the bill.

If the intent of the bill is to transfer responsibilities and authorities to the Department of Natural Resources to complete the control, development, and maintenance that is currently conducted by other agencies, then the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate as Department of Natural Resources does not have sufficient information on the anticipated costs to control, develop, and maintain the identified area under the proposed legislation, in addition to costs addressed above.