HB105
House Finance Testimony

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We would like to express our opposition to HB105, An Act Prohibiting Hunting And Trapping Of Wolves In An Area Adjacent To Denali National Park.

Management of hunting and trapping in Alaska has been delegated by the Legislature to the Board of Game. To usurp their authority with legislative action would establish a horrible precedence and a return to pre-statehood policies.

Prior to statehood the fish and wildlife in Alaska were managed out of Washington D. C. Changes to regulations took literally years to enact, if they could be accomplished. Political decisions were dictated by highly influential and financial operatives with no thought or concern for the resource. HB105 is but the first step in returning management of fish and wildlife to that legislative arena. This will result in delayed management, emotional decisions and the decline of our wildlife resources. Management of fish and wildlife *must* be based upon biological information, not emotional plans to elect officials beholding to voters.

Please oppose HB105 with a vote of no.

Respectfully,
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