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Intent language HB 98

It is the intent of the legislature that when utilizing programs in this act that private companies pay attention to, and should encourage, local hire for all forestry companies and contractors, including firefighting, timber sales of any size, and all timber related activities.

It is the intent of the legislature that the state of Alaska prioritizes timber access for log homes and dimensional lumber for local Alaska residents, and Alaskan companies headquartered in the state, when conducting timber sales.

It is the intent of the legislature that the state of Alaska make more areas available for personal use firewood. These areas, determined by the Division, should provide equitable acreage across the state in reasonable proximity to population areas, and access by road should be considered a priority.