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## CSSB 85 (Res) Forest Land Use Plans; Timber Sales Summary of Changes Version A to Version B, 4/6/22

Change 1: Section 2 was removed from version A.

AS 38.05.110(c) Removes the language in Version A of the bill that adds specific criteria the commissioner must consider when deciding whether to offer a timber sale under AS 35.05.110 - .123. Those are: the best interests of the state under AS 38.05.035(e); the local timber market; specialized or developing foreign or domestic markets; the presence of underutilized timber; the economic constraints of the intended timber market; and any other reasonably foreseeable benefits to the state and local economy resulting from the sale.

Change 2: Section 5 added a new subsection.

AS 38.05.115 adds a new subsection (d) requiring the commissioner, when making a best interest finding, to consider whether the timber sale buyer commits to hiring Alaska residents, contracting with Alaskan businesses, and using or establishing Alaskan hiring facilities, job centers, or internet job systems.

Change 3: Sections renumbered from version A.