

HB 120

Testimony Packet

House Resources Committee

Section 13 must be taken out of the present bill. 640 acres going to commercial individuals is ridiculous. For starters, it takes way too much land out of public ownership in a given location.

Public lands are where we all hunt, fish, and explore, recreate and conserve our resources for the long term. 640 acres will just primarily help oligarchs create empires, effectively taking over entire neighborhoods.

Section 13 will also endanger wildlife and fish habitat. There is significantly less oversight of private land by state agencies, than public lands, to monitor habitat degradation and destruction.

Public land is one of the most critical assets of Alaska. Do Alaskans want to pay for, or ask permission to head to a favorite hunting area or fishing hole? Most state land is free and open to meet activity, go questions asked. Do not take this right away.

Denis Ransy
Talkeetna

I am strongly opposed to HB120. As the session winds to a close and you consider final bills to push forward this year, please put the breaks on HB 120 which would allow DNR to liquidate state lands by selling them off to outside interests and pushing Alaskan's who fish, hunt and recreate out while stripping salmon habitat protections like mineral closing orders when lands leave state ownership.

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Sincerely,
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We are the Last Frontier. We should protect our lands from being raped by outside interests whose ONLY agenda is filling their pockets while destroying our sustainable/ subsistence resources; ref: Pebble Mine, a Canadian owned company destroying pristine waterways to fill their coffers.

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Look out for the health interests of Alaskans. No to HB 120.

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