

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 504(FIN) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/17/02

Offered: 4/16/02

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the wages of people working in the fisheries business."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 23.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 23.10.072. Wages for fisheries businesses.** An employer who engages
5 in a fisheries business, as that term is defined in AS 43.75.290, may deduct an amount
6 that is reasonable and without profit to the employer each eight-hour paid day worked
7 from the applicable minimum wage paid to an employee working in the fisheries
8 business for the combined cost of board and lodging the employer furnishes to the
9 employee. A deduction up to \$15 each day for combined room and board shall be
10 presumed to be a reasonable amount without profit to the employer. The department
11 shall allow a deduction higher than \$15 each day for combined room and board if the
12 employer demonstrates to the department that the cost to the employee is reasonable
13 and without profit to the employer. A deduction made under this section may be made
14 only if it is based on a negotiated union agreement or a written agreement with the
15 employee entered into at the time of hire that specifies the daily rate of deductions for

1 room and board.