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House Bill 104

Expedited Timber Sales

Sectional Analysis (version U.A)

- Section 1. Communicates the Legislative intent of the bill.
- Section 2. Removes the requirement for a written best interest finding requirement for salvage timber sale. This matches the current law applied to negotiated sales under AS 38.05.115. Note: public notice is still required per Article 8, Section 10 of Alaska's Constitution.
- Section 3. Expands the commissioner's discretion on type of sale to include new section AS 38.05.124 (section 10).
- Section 4. Places salvage and expedited sales under the same forest land use plan exemption as sales of less than 10 acres.
- Section 5. Allows Salvage and Expedited timber sales to include timber that was not in the five-year schedule.
- Section 6. Sets a 25-year time frame for sales subject to a forest use plan unless the purchaser requests a shorter time frame, or the commissioner makes a written finding that a shorter term is in the best interest of the state. Stumpage rates are to be renegotiated every five years to reflect changes in market conditions.
- Section 7. Amends the salvage sale statutes for clarity between salvage and expedited sales.
- Section 8. Establishes the criteria the commissioner is to use to qualify sales as salvage.
- Section 9. Sets a minimum term of seven years when entering into a negotiated contract with a high-value-added manufacturer, unless purchaser requests less. The upper limit remains at 25 years to conform with section 6. This section also urges the commissioner to negotiate at least two of these contracts in each region of the state.
- Section 10. Lays out the criteria the commissioner must consider when negotiating an expedited timber sale.
- Section 11. Sets an immediate effective date.