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HOUSE BILL 191

"An Act establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council in the Department of Fish and Game; relating to management of invasive species; and providing for an effective date."

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

(Version G – 4.30.25)

Section 1 – Amends AS 16.20 to add three subsections:

- AS 16.20.800 establishes the 11-person Alaska Invasive Species Council; outlines the council's role in managing invasive species; and establishes the form, function, membership, responsibilities, and expectations of the council.
- AS 16.20.810 establishes the invasive species response fund as an account in the general fund.
- AS 16.20.850 defines "council," "department," "invasive species," manage invasive species," and "non-native species."

Section 2 – Sets a repeal date for the three new subsections of July 1, 2035

Section 3 – Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska to add a new section detailing:

- (a) The initial appointment process and terms of members.
- (b) The timing of the first meeting is within 90 days of the appointment of members and sets the number of meetings required in the initial year at four.

Section 4 – Sets an immediate effective date under AS 01.10.070(c).