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HOUSE BILL 54

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

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES VERSION W TO D (Revised 4.22.22)

House Fisheries Committee Version W to O

Section one was added, and it contains intent language which states that the legislature intends that the Department of Fish and Game not to use the state's general fund to support the Alaska Invasive Species Council, and instead finds other sources of funding to support the council.

House Finance Committee Version O to N

A new section was added to the bill that establishes a July 1, 2029, sunset date.

Senate Resources Committee Version N to D

Section two of the bill was amended so that the fee for the Alaska Invasive Species Management decals is not set at \$20. Instead, the amount of the fee will be recommended by the Alaska Invasive Species Council, and it will be set in regulation by the department.

In addition, section two was amended with new language that adds two members from the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, and two members of the senate appointed, by the president of the senate, to the Alaska Invasive Species Council. There will be a minority and majority member from each body.

Section two was also amended with language that states the governor will appoint one of the commissioners or their designee as the chair of the council.

Finally, section two was amended so that it explicitly states that a majority of the council constitutes a quorum and a vacancy on the council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.