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HB 179 – Summary of Changes ver N to ver I

- Page 1, lines 7-8: Requires donations under the section to be made to a covered organization in Alaska.
- Page 1, lines 8-12: Prohibits donations of fish or game harvested with a proxy permit, unless the person for which the game is being proxy harvested is a user of the covered organization to which the donation will be made.
- Page 2, lines 21-22: Fixes a drafting error where the words “if the covered organization” were repeated.
- Page 2, line 27: Allows covered organizations to accept local funding for a meal service program.
- Page 4, lines 7-8: Adds that a covered organization must receive and store a covered food item as required by the Department of Environmental Conservation in order to be indemnified from liability.

Summary of Changes ver A to ver N

- Defines and uses “covered organization” to mean the list of organizations allowed to accept donations of wild food for their meal service programs. Expands the list of covered organizations listed in section 3(4) of version A to add private schools; public, nonprofit, and private child care facilities, including preschools and head start programs; licensed residential psychiatric treatment centers; a wider variety of senior center facilities; and senior meal programs.
- Defines and uses “covered food item” to mean the food allowed to be donated to a covered organization. The list of covered food items moved from section 1(a) in version A to section 1(b) in version N.
- Moves definition sections from Title 17 (section 3 of version A) to Title 16 (section 1(f) of version N). Defines additional terms.
- Removes fish harvested for personal use from the list of covered food items that can be donated.
- Allows food banks to accept donations of covered food items. A food bank is not a covered organization.
- Clarifies that all game, marine or aquatic plants, and nests or eggs of fish and game, not just those harvested for subsistence or sport, can be donated to a covered organization.
- Clarifies the bill’s intent to allow a covered organization to accept state funding, federal funding, and fees from staff and users for meals containing covered food items. Explicitly bars a covered organization from accepting payment for meals provided to people who are not staff or users, including the general public. Users are individuals a covered organization serves, and are defined in section 1(f)(12).
- Removes prescriptive language on food safety in Section 4(a) of version A, leaving that to regulation.
- Standardizes the terms used in the sections of the bill in Title 16 and Title 17, so that all sections refer to covered organizations and covered food items.
- Moves language on indemnification from liability for covered organizations to the existing sections of law providing indemnification to food banks, rather than creating a separate section.