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SB 184 SPONSOR STATEMENT: EXTENDING FISHERY RESOURCE LANDING TAX CREDIT

“An Act extending the fishery resource landing tax credit for certain taxpayers that harvest fishery resources under the provisions of a community development quota; providing for an effective date by amending the effective date of sec. 36, ch.61, SLA 2014; and providing for an effective date.”

SB 184 will extend the termination date of the fishery resource tax credit under the to December 31, 2030. The taxpayers contributions through this program are directed towards nonprofit corporations incorporated in the state of Alaska for the following purposes: scholarships for study in the state in the disciplines of fisheries management; training in the state for employment in the seafood industry; and making contributions of capital in the form of loans or grants to construct or improve transportation facilities such as docks and other facilities in the state at which fisheries products are canned, frozen or otherwise processed for industry.

The Department of Revenue and Legislative Finance Division states that the legislative intent has been met and recommended continuation of the program (January 2019 Indirect Expenditure Report, page 14). The estimated Revenue Impact for FY2013-FY2017 was an average of \$553,558.60, while no revenue is foregone by the state. This tax credit program continues serving its purpose by attracting donations each year to Alaska nonprofit corporations that are dedicated to continually improving our fisheries.

I respectfully request that the termination date of the fishery resource tax credit be extended another 10 years to December 31, 2030.