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House Bill 104 ***Expedited Timber Sales***

Summary of Changes from Version B to U

- Change 1: A new bill section 2 was added to exempt salvage sales from the best interest finding requirement. Note: public notice is still required per the state constitution (Art. 8, Sec. 10). (Page 1, line 10 through page 6, line 4)
- Change 2: New bill sections 4 and 5 were added to exempt salvage sales and expedited sales from the forest land use plan and five-year sale schedule requirements. (Page 6, lines 9 - 22)
- Change 3: A new bill section 6 was added to create a new subsection under AS 38.05.115 (terms and conditions of sales) which lengthens the default term for timber sales subject to a forest land use plan to 25 years unless a shorter term is requested or required. (Page 6, line 23 - 30)
- Change 4: New bill sections 7 and 8 were added to clarify the difference between salvage sales and expedited timber sales. (Page 6, line 31 through page 7, line 19)
- Change 5: A new bill section 9 was added to encourage more high-value wood production in Alaska. (Page 7, line 20 through page 8, line 7)
- Change 6: The language from bill section 3 of version B (now bill section 10) was adjusted by:
1. Changing the terms and conditions to better reflect the sponsor's intent (page 8, lines 13 - 19)
 2. Adding prevention of habitat degradation as a condition in which an expedited timber sale may occur (page 8, lines 25 - 26)
 3. Including language to make clear that the new provisions may not be used to reduce the sale of higher quality timber (page 9, lines 3 - 4)
- Change 7: Adds an immediate effective date to avoid the loss of this summer season (page 9, line 10)