

From: [lfarin](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: HB104
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:37:32 AM

I oppose this bill because it lacks clarity of definition. There is no clear definition as to when the trees may be cut. I have travelled in this area. Larry Farin

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From: [N Lemke](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: Timber Bill
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:13:12 PM

i am opposed to allowing the DNR commissioner to make decisions affecting the life of ancient trees. This is a matter of public concern, not a political decision to be made by one governor-appointee. More knowledgeable people, like scientists and First Nations people, know much more than that one person, and nonprofit groups represent the people far more effectively.

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From: [Jill Wittenbrader](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Cc: [Sen. Gary Stevens](#); [Rep. Louise Stutes](#)
Subject: HB 104
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 6:12:46 PM

I oppose HB 104, re: expedited state timber sales.

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From: [James Taggart](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: Senate Bill 104, expedited timber sale
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 4:27:16 PM

Dear Senate committee members,

I am writing in my opposition to senate bill, 104 for expedited timber sale.

My understanding of the bill is that there are very few safeguards if none to prevent a DNR commissioner from determining a forest is a forest fire threat, or diseased, or prone to infestation. I do not agree with the bill as it does not have substantial language to prevent a commissioner from designating an area for expedited timber sale without the safeguards of public review and comment. I believe it is far too broad.


Additionally, I think we need to reconsider our view on resource management. Climate change is affecting Alaska and our economy today. We do you need to put in measures to mitigate the effects of climate change. Part of this involves capturing carbon with our current forest stands. I have a young daughter and another on the way so I am taking the long view. I want them to grown up in a prosperous Alaska, and keeping logging well regulated is far more beneficial for out economy and to keep our state growing.

Thank you, James Taggart.

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From: [Scott Miller](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: HB 104
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 11:19:59 AM

- I am writing to oppose this bill.
- My main concern is that the bill does not specify what information will be used to decide if an area is “threatened” by fire, insects, or disease. We already have a salvage sale law. This bill seems to allow the Division of Forestry to bypass the public process to dispose of State timber very quickly. From *SEACC*’s first reading, it seems as if timber sales under this bill would not include any opportunity for public comment, and there is no sale size limitation.
- Thank you,
- Scott Miller
- Homer, AK
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From: [Jim Hill](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#); [Anne Rittgers](#); [Sen. Click Bishop](#)
Subject: HB104 Support for Expedited Timber Sales
Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 10:39:02 AM

Good Morning Senators,

Please support Representative Cronk's efforts on HB 104, which addresses expedited timber sales. This bill is great for Alaska overall, as it addresses and will provide much improved and needed management of our state forest lands and help to prevent the scope of fires we have seen in the past years, while providing an income stream for the timber that would otherwise have no value to the state.

The bill must be kept whole as it also will expand the potential of our timber industry while also enhancing healthy forest management practices, and it gives better certainty to timber harvesters who might bid on these projects. It also contains provisions to allow for public notice of the expedited sales.

This bill will allow the State to better mitigate the risk of fire danger and infestation, and it can further support and benefit a statewide timber industry and the manufacture of additional and new state forest products.

Regards,

Jim Hill

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From: [George Lochner](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 8:07:31 PM

To whom it may concern,

My name is George Lochner. 3rd generation/lifelong Alaskan. I am 38 years old. A builder and custom craftsman in Alaska. I am writing in support of HB104. This is a necessary measure, to be taken for the benefit of the many, here in Alaska. Thank you for your consideration.

George

-----Original Message-----

From: Larry Smith [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 10:16 AM

Subject: Re: HB 104

Hi Senator and Jenny, The undoing of the all-parties (AFPARSteering Committee) agreement in law and regulation for 30 years is my concern. I represented the F&G Regional Councils in this 2 year negotiation and the legislature enacted our agreement. The change to 'the commissioner 'may,without' from 'after' making a written best interest finding is an abrupt reversal. The expansion to 'expedited' over the counter sales of 25 million board feet, each, poses serious habitat questions. In so far as this may be a component of a carbon sequestration scheme, if that were to succeed, some habitat could be protected and some wrecked. Provisions for enhanced wildfire safeguards fail to fix a core problem: the lack of DNR requests to fund preparedness. A very longstanding problem seen in lack of budget requests for the Division of Forestry, fire fighting team and equipment.

As a builder, and sometime sawmiller, I am in favor of well regulated timber sale program. That includes the full range of inspections agreed to by all parties calling for 3 agency look at effects on waters(ADEC), riparian harvest zones(ADF&G), and and clearing requirements to fight bark beetles(DNR-DOF). These are weakly enforced and could be better but the CS for HB 114 seems to emphasize negotiated and expedited timber sales.

Please copy this to senators on the Resource committee. Thanks, Larry Smith

From: [Jenny Simpson](#)
To: [Senate Resources](#)
Subject: Timber sales
Date: Sunday, May 7, 2023 11:10:57 AM

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