

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 504(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/16/02

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the wages of people working in the fisheries business."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 23.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 23.10.072. Wages for fisheries businesses.** An employer who engages
5 in a fisheries business, as that term is defined in AS 43.75.290, may deduct an amount
6 that is reasonable and without profit to the employer each paid day worked from the
7 applicable minimum wage paid to an employee working in the fisheries business for
8 the combined cost of board and lodging the employer furnishes to the employee. A
9 deduction up to \$15 each day for combined room and board shall be presumed to be a
10 reasonable amount without profit to the employer. The department shall allow a
11 deduction higher than \$15 each day for combined room and board if the employer
12 demonstrates to the department that the cost to the employee is reasonable and without
13 profit to the employer. A deduction made under this section may be made only if it is
14 based on a negotiated union agreement or a written agreement with the employee
15 entered into at the time of hire that specifies the daily rate of deductions for room and

1 board.