

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 324(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/17/06

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES LEDOUX, Cissna, Rokeberg, Foster

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act banning the importation, transfer, and cultivation of orange hawkweed and
2 purple loosestrife."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 03.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 03.05.087. Orange hawkweed and purple loosestrife; prohibition. (a)**

6 A person may not

7 (1) knowingly import an orange hawkweed or purple loosestrife plant
8 or any part of an orange hawkweed or purple loosestrife plant into the state;

9 (2) sell, give, or otherwise transfer an orange hawkweed or purple
10 loosestrife plant or any part of an orange hawkweed or purple loosestrife plant to
11 another person, except for disposal in a manner consistent with a regulation adopted
12 under this section;

13 (3) knowingly plant or cultivate an orange hawkweed or purple
14 loosestrife plant.

1 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations providing for the disposal of
2 orange hawkweed and purple loosestrife plants and plant parts to prevent the further
3 propagation of the species in the state.

4 (c) A person who violates (a) of this section is subject to the penalty in
5 AS 03.05.090.

6 (d) In this section,

7 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources;

8 (2) "orange hawkweed" means the plant species with the scientific
9 name "Hieracium aurantiacum," that also is commonly referred to as "devil's
10 paintbrush," "red devil," or "grim-the-collier";

11 (3) "purple loosestrife" means the plant species with the scientific
12 name "Lythrum salicaria."