

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
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Identifier: SB032HCSCS(RES)-DNR-FOR-4-5-16
 Title: TIMBER SALES
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: House Resources

Department: Department of Natural Resources
 Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
 Allocation: Forest Management & Development
 OMB Component Number: 435

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2017	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2017 Request	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Revised to include committee substitute review.

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Agency: Department of Natural Resources	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
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This bill would expand the conditions under which the state could offer negotiated timber sales under AS 38.05.110 and .118. Under the existing statutes, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may not offer negotiated timber greater than 500,000 board feet unless the sale area has high unemployment, underutilized manufacturing capacity, and an underutilized timber supply that will lose value due to insects, disease, fire, or conversion to nonforest uses. These criteria prohibit larger negotiated timber sales in many areas of the state that are actively managed for forestry, and where there is high demand for wood for timber products and biomass energy. This bill would allow DNR to offer negotiated sales statewide within the limits of the sustained yield supply, and subject to a best interest finding under AS 38.05.035.

While it is anticipated that for most timber sales, a competitive bid process will continue to be in the best interest of the state, this bill would enable DNR to better respond to the economic realities and geographic variability in the forest products sector in Alaska.

There are no short-term impacts on revenue, but over time, revenues should increase as the industry diversifies to address energy needs and demand for locally sourced wood products for communities. This legislation will not place any additional demands on the current operating budget and thus the zero fiscal note.

The new committee substitute language puts into statute what the Division of Forestry and Department of Natural Resources have done by policy and practice with regard to how timber sale receipts are allocated within the division. Currently areas that produce timber sales have at least 25% of their forest management staff funded by timber sale receipts, so the division currently meets the goal of this language and there will be no fiscal impact.