

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE RESOURCES STANDING COMMITTEE**

February 24, 2020

3:29 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Peter Micciche, Chair  
Senator John Coghill, Vice Chair  
Senator Click Bishop  
Senator Cathy Giessel  
Senator Joshua Revak  
Senator Scott Kawasaki  
Senator Jesse Kiehl

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE BILL NO. 145

"An Act relating to the registration of commercial fishing vessels; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSSB 145 (RES) OUT OF COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL NO. 171

"An Act relating to industrial hemp."

- BILL HEARING CANCELED

SENATE BILL NO. 150

"An Act relating to industrial hemp."

- BILL HEARING CANCELED

SENATE BILL NO. 161

"An Act relating to industrial hemp."

- BILL HEARING CANCELED

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 145

SHORT TITLE: REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION  
SPONSOR(s): SENATOR(s) MICCICHE

01/21/20	(S)	PREFILE RELEASED 1/17/20
01/21/20	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
01/21/20	(S)	RES, FIN
02/14/20	(S)	RES AT 3:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/14/20	(S)	Heard & Held
02/14/20	(S)	MINUTE(RES)
02/17/20	(S)	RES AT 3:30 PM BUTROVICH 205
02/17/20	(S)	Heard & Held
02/17/20	(S)	MINUTE(RES)
02/24/20	(S)	RES AT 3:30 PM BUTROVICH 205

#### **WITNESS REGISTER**

KONRAD JACKSON, Staff  
Senator Peter Micciche  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Provided an overview of the committee substitute for SB 145.

#### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR PETER MICCICHE** called the Senate Resources Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:29 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Giessel, Kawasaki, Coghill, Bishop, Revak, Kiehl, and Chair Micciche.

#### **SB 145-REGISTRATION OF BOATS: EXEMPTION**

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CHAIR MICCICHE announced that the only order of business would be SENATE BILL NO. 145, "An Act relating to the registration of commercial fishing vessels; and providing for an effective date."

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SENATOR COGHILL moved to adopt the committee substitute (CS) for SB 145, work order 31-LS1292\U, as the working document.

CHAIR MICCICHE objected for discussion purposes.

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KONRAD JACKSON, Staff, Senator Peter Micciche, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, reminded the committee that SB 145 seeks to resolve some unintended consequences of a derelict vessel bill that passed in 2018. SB 145 removes duplicative and confusing registration requirements for active commercial fishing vessels, inadvertently created by passage of the derelict vessel bill, Senate Bill 92.

He provided the following summary of changes from version A to version U of SB 145:

- Section 1:  
Amends page 2, line 9: deletes the word "fishing".

MR. JACKSON explained that the change in section 1 is to allow for other vessels, such as tenders, registered by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC) to also fall under the registration requirement.

- Section 2:  
Amends AS 05.25.056(a) to clarify the requirement that vessels not exempted by section 1 of the act, shall apply to the Department of Administration for a certificate of title.
- Section 3:  
Adds new subsections to AS 16.05.475:  
(e) CFEC shall assess an \$8.00 commercial fishing vessel registration fee.  
(f) Specifies the fee collected shall be accounted for in the same manner as the fee previously collected by Dept. of Administration (DMV).
- Section 4:  
Adds a retroactivity clause to uncodified law, making section 1 of the bill effective January 1, 2020.
- Section 5:  
Adds new immediate effective date.

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SENATOR KAWASAKI asked him to clarify which version the committee is considering. He said he has a version U, a version M, and the original version A and a summary of changes document from version A to version G.

MR. JACKSON apologized and said the summary of changes should say from version A to version U, which is the correct version and the one Senator Coghill moved. He added that the substance of the summary of changes from the CS is correct.

SENATOR COGHILL asked for an explanation of the change in section 3, subsection (f) that points to the DMV statute.

MR. JACKSON explained that the new subsection (f) in the CS requires the \$8 fee assessed by CFEC to be accounted for in the same way that the current DMV registration fee is accounted for, which would go toward the derelict vessel fund.

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CHAIR MICCICHE summarized that the committee decided at the last hearing that commercial fishermen should be pay the same amount for registration as everyone else who is registering a similar vessel. However, the committee questioned the need for fishermen to go to DMV to register when they are preparing for a commercial fishing season. He admitted that the rollout for the current registration requirements did not go well and SB 145 eliminates the rollout requirement. The bill will allow commercial fishermen to simply click a box and pay their boat registration fee for the season as they do every year when renewing permit fees and vessel fees on the CFEC website.

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CHAIR MICCICHE removed his objection. Finding no further objection, version U was adopted.

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CHAIR MICCICHE noted that public testimony was heard during the last hearing and it was still open. Finding no one who wished to testify, he closed public testimony on SB 145 and solicited a motion..

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SENATOR COGHILL moved to report the CS for SB 145, version U, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal notes.

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CHAIR MICCICHE found no objection and CSSB 145(RES) moved from the Senate Resources Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Micciche adjourned the Senate Resources Standing Committee meeting at 3:37 p.m.