

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 168(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/22/24

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR BJORKMAN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to certain game seized by the state and unlawfully taken game."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 16.05.197. Compensation for certain seized game.** If the state or an
5 agent of the state seizes a bear, bison, caribou, deer, elk, goat, moose, sheep, or musk
6 ox from the individual who harvested the animal for a suspected violation of statute or
7 a regulation of the department and the individual is later found not guilty of violating
8 the statute or regulation or if the individual is convicted and the conviction is
9 overturned on appeal or otherwise set aside, the state shall provide monetary
10 compensation to the individual in the amount a court is permitted to order a person to
11 pay in restitution for unlawfully taking the same species under AS 16.05.925(b).

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 16.05.925(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) In addition to a penalty imposed under (a) of this section or any other
14 penalty for violation of this title or a regulation adopted under this title, a person who
15 is convicted of unlawfully taking an animal listed in this subsection may be ordered by

the court to pay restitution to the state in the amount set out in this subsection for each animal unlawfully taken:

- (1) Bear, black **\$1,080** [\$ 600]
- (2) Bear, brown or grizzly **2,340** [1,300]
- (3) Bison **2,340** [1,300]
- (4) Caribou **1,530** [850]
- (5) Deer **720** [400]
- (6) Elk **1,440** [800]
- (7) Goat **1,440** [800]
- (8) Moose **1,800** [1,000]
- (9) Musk oxen **5,400** [3,000]
- (10) Sheep **1,980** [1,100]
- (11) Wolf **900** [500]
- (12) Wolverine **900** [500].