

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIDSON

Introduced: 5/21/91

Referred: Resources, Finance

Funding Information:	General Fund	\$239,400
	Other Funds	<u>-0-</u>
		\$239,400

A BILL.

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act making an appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources for completion
2 of water appropriation data automation and update; and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT. (a) It is the purpose of this appropriation to enable the
5 Department of Natural Resources to complete automation and updating of its water appropriation
6 database. Water appropriation data is only available on a site specific basis in the department's Land
7 Administration System, which is the department's computer database for storing land and water
8 ownership and status records. During the years 1981 to 1984, the department began a system to also
9 make water appropriation data available on a stream reach basis, not just a site specific basis. This
10 system, called the STORET system, was developed by the Environmental Protection Agency and
11 identified as the best system available to track streamflow and other data on segments of rivers and
12 streams. When the funds for this project were discontinued, the work on the STORET system was
13 ceased by the department. The Water Resources Board and the department have expressed their desire
14 to complete this system over the past three years. The completion of the STORET project is important

1 for placer miners, resource managers, industrial developers, municipalities, and other users of water data
2 information, including the department, which is responsible for administering, monitoring, enforcing, and
3 adjudicating uses of water in Alaska. Further, the automated database will facilitate the identification
4 and availability of unappropriated water.

5 (b) It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Natural Resources request funds for
6 annual updating and maintenance of the STORET system in the Land Administration System as part of
7 the department's operating budget.

8 * Sec. 2. The sum of \$239,400 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Natural
9 Resources, division of land and water management, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1993, for
10 completion of water appropriation data automation and update, including completion of a river mile
11 index and integration, modification, and evaluation of the STORET system and the Land Administration
12 System before June 30, 1993.

13 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1992.