

HB

378

"An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Public Safety for additional wildlife protection staff; and providing for an effective date."

COMMITTEE REPORT

4/3/75

HOUSE

FINANCE

Mr. Speaker:

Date 4-8-75

The Committee on RESOURCES has had TB 379

under consideration. A Majority of the members of the Committee

recommends it DO PASS

recommends it DO NOT PASS

recommends it DO PASS WITH ATTACHED AMENDMENT(S)

recommends it BE REPLACED WITH CS FOR _____ AND THAT

CS FOR _____ DO PASS

"and" recommends it BE REFERRED TO THE _____

COMMITTEE

reports it back WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION

"other"

Members signing the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____
<u>[Signature]</u>	_____	_____

Members NOT concurring in the Majority report:

<u>[Signature]</u>	recommends: <u>No recommendation</u>
_____	recommends:
_____	recommends:
_____	recommends:
_____	recommends:

[Signature] Chairman

STATE OF ALASKA

JAY S. HAMMOND, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE PROTECTION

March 26, 1975

The Honorable James H. Huntington
Representative
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska. 99801

Dear Representative Huntington:

Re: Additional Protection Staff
Bethel, Galena, Bettie, Ft.
Yukon, Aniak

In reply to your request for staffing needs for these locations, I have found the total cost will be:

Bethel	\$150,250.
Galena	150,150.
Bettles	49,400.
Ft. Yukon	140,550.
Aniak	<u>139,550.</u>
	\$629,900

The wildl. e resources of the State have come under increasing and additional pressure and future predictions are that the trend will continue. This forecast is based upon the information of increased license sales and from observation of field officers of the hunter, fishermen and sportsman engaged in the activity.

Continued inflation and the upward spiral in the cost of living leads to the erroneous conclusion that it is economically feasible for the urban hunter to take to the field to secure the family's winter meat. The population increase resulting from the pipeline often times is reflected in hunting pressure, and blatant violations, when employment is not secured and the

persons lack financial security to see him through the period of time or to return to his place of origin.

Recreational sport fishing and hunting have followed the same increasing trend, with areas of the State now being utilized that heretofore have not been bothered. Considering our limited personnel and the time frame involved to adequately select, train, and field a competent Wildlife Officer, the State will continue to be in the position of trying to "catch up" with the demand in these areas of service.

Game populations throughout many areas of the State and fishery resources are at a point of critical concern. Smaller remote communities are experiencing dramatic increases in effort and competition for resources available. Subsistence economy is in jeopardy in many areas where wildlife resources are unable to withstand the increased effort and unlawful activity.

The only available means to combat the intense hunting effort and its effect when unlawful methods and means are used, is to place additional personnel and equipment in the smaller communities to secure adherence to fish and game regulation.

The placement of personnel to secure and protect a resource now at a diminished level includes the following priorities:

Aircraft
BETHEL- 1 Trooper needed. Equipment necessary includes a house trailer and vehicle. Area of responsibility includes approximately 25 villages of significant size including KWINHAGAK, MEKORYUK, NAPAKIAK, TOKSOOK BAY, TANUNAK, KWETHILUK, AKIACHAK, AKIAK, KIPNUK, EEK, and KWIGILLINGOK.

GALENA- 1 Trooper needed. Equipment necessary includes a house trailer, vehicle and aircraft. Area of responsibility includes nine major communities of significant size including ALLAKAKET, GALENA, HUGHES, HUSLIA, KALTAG, KOYUKUK, NULATO, RUBY, and RAMPART.

ETTLES-Trooper available. Equipment only necessary including a trailer and vehicle suitable for use on the pipeline road. Area includes primarily the southern slopes of the Brooks Range, Artic Village, Anaktuvuk plus numerous mining locations.

FORT YUKON - 1 Trooper needed. Equipment necessary includes a trailer for housing and an aircraft. The area includes approximately 6 major communities including BEAVER, CHALKYLIK, CIRCLE, STEVENS VILLAGE and VENETIE.

ANIAK - 1 Trooper needed. Equipment necessary includes a housing unit and an aircraft. The area includes CHEVAK, EMANGUK, HOOPER BAY, ST. MARYS, SCAMON BAY, PILOT STATION, RUSSIAN MISSION, KOTLIK, MOUNTAIN VILLAGE, plus several small localities.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

RICHARD L. BURTON
COMMISSIONER

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By: Fred Woldstad, Deputy Director
Fish & Wildlife Protection

The Legislature of the State of Alaska
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. House Bill No. 378

Title: Appn. to Public Safety for Additional Wildlife Protection Staff

Requested by: Huntington and Guy

Date: 4/3/75

Return Date Requested: 4/8/75

Agency: Public Safety

Program: Fish and Game Resources

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Protection Detachments

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: 04.41.05.01.01

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		73.4	77.1	80.9	84.9	89.2
200 TRAVEL		1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7
300 CONTRACTUAL		20.6	22.7	24.9	27.4	30.2
400 COMMODITIES		14.0	13.6	15.0	16.5	18.1
500 EQUIPMENT		191.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL		300.4	119.9	127.3	135.4	144.2

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND		300.4	119.9	127.3	135.4	144.2
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/	2 /	2 /	2 /	2 /	2 /
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/	24 /	24 /	24 /	24 /	24 /

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Officer for Galena--The position would provide a permanent wildlife officer for an area of over 5,000 residents primarily dependent upon wildlife resources for subsistence and well-being of the local economy. Equipped with an aircraft and a vehicle the officer would provide enforcement surveillance of the subsistence fishing within the river systems.

Officer for Bethel--The position would provide a permanent Wildlife Officer for an area of over 8,000 population encompassing the lower Yukon and Kuskakwim river systems; monitoring the commercial fishing activity of these river systems and securing the compliance necessary for management of these river systems. The officer

IV. ATTACHMENTS supported with an aircraft would provide enforcement for fall and winter hunting of the up-river areas and close the existing void between present stations of Dillingham and Nome.

V. DATE: 3/8/75

PREPARED BY: Vona L. Hall

Fiscal Officer

Original: Legislative Finance
cc: Budget and Management
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)