

SB

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# COMMITTEE REPORT

## HOUSE

4/20/78

FURTHER: FINANCE

Date: April 24, 1978

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had CSSB 477 (Fin)  
"An Act relating to licensing of sport fishing, hunting and trapping."

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee reports it back as follows)

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 \_\_\_\_\_  new title                       same title

AND attaches a Letter of Intent                       New Fiscal Note

reports it back without recommendation

and recommends it be referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Chairman

POSITION PAPER ON

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 477

An Act entitled: "An Act relating to licensing of sport fishing, hunting and trapping."

This bill would provide privileged access to Alaska's fish and game resources through 25¢ hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses to persons whose need for same included both financial hardship, and substantial use of these resources for personal use as food.

This department would be required to provide to the Department of Revenue a sum equal to the difference in revenues received for the special licenses, and the normal cost of \$25, for each year this provision was in effect.

The department supports the concepts contained in this legislation, as it would appear to benefit persons with legitimate needs, while restricting widespread and indiscriminate participation.

There would be no administrative impact on this department. The amount of general funds required to reimburse the Department of Revenue for the cost of subsidizing the purchase price of the licenses themselves however, is not budgeted and would be needed if the subsidy is to be made available without jeopardizing current programs.

At current rates of participation, 6,000 such licenses could reasonably be expected to be sold by Department of Revenue agents, if no restrictive policies were implemented in FY79.

Therefore, the Department estimates a maximum subsidy amount of \$148,500. As the impact of future regulations for this program cannot readily be predicted from our information, a lesser amount may suffice, however we would not wish to speculate in this area and would therefore request funds for the current projection of 6,000 license subsidies.

Recommended by: Richard R. Wilson  
Richard R. Wilson, Director  
Division of Public Assistance

4-18-78  
Date

Approved by: Helen D. Beirne  
Helen D. Beirne, Commissioner  
Department of Health & Social Services

4-20-78  
Date

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. SENATE BILL NO. 477

Title "An Act relating to licensing of sport fishing and hunting."

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/12/78

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Program Category Affected SOCIAL AND ECONOMICS ASSISTANCE TO THE GENERAL POPULATION

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80	FY 81	FY 82	FY 83
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	148,500	148,500	148,500	148,500	148,500	148,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148,500</b>	<b>148,500</b>	<b>148,500</b>	<b>148,500</b>	<b>148,500</b>	<b>148,500</b>

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	148,500	148,500	148,500	148,500	148,500	148,500
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify)						

POSITIONS

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

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

IV. DATE 4/12/78

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

*Eric S. Hansen*

1973 Twenty-five Cent License Survey Estimates

A random sample of 511 of 6,658 was selected.

141 (27.6%) of the sample responded.

2,412 (36.2%) of the 6,658 did not fish.

1973 Annual Income of 25¢ Licenses

<u>Income (dollars)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Less than 5000	5,715	85.8
5,000 - 10,000	577	8.7
10,000 - 15,000	262	3.9
15,000 - 20,000	52	0.8
20,000 - 25,000	52	0.8
More than 25,000	0	0.0
Total	6,658	100.0

14.2% had annual incomes exceeding \$5,000

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1973 Expenditures (Dollars) or 25¢ Licensees

<u>Type of Expenditure</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Mean Per Licensee</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Gear	195,207	29.32	10.7
Boat	1,215,045	182.49	66.9
Food	234,447	35.21	12.9
Transportation	94,189	14.15	5.2
Lodging	28,993	4.35	1.6
Miscellaneous	46,417	6.97	2.6
Licenses	<u>1,665*</u>	<u>.25</u>	<u>0.1</u>
Total	1,815,963	272.75	100.0

\*Includes expenditures for 25¢ licenses only.  
 \$12,702 (a mean of \$1.90 per licensee) was spent on other licenses (commercial and 25¢ replacements).

Residences of 254 Licensees<sup>1</sup>

	1973		1974		1975		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Anchorage	844	18.3	1017	18.1	809	16.9	2670	17.8
<sup>2</sup> Fairbanks	487	10.6	446	7.9	204	4.3	1137	7.6
<sup>3</sup> Juneau	126	2.7	191	3.4	159	3.3	476	3.2
Palmer	84	1.8	165	2.9	150	3.1	399	2.7
Kenai	109	2.4	169	3.0	97	2.0	375	2.5
Nome	114	2.5	136	2.4	123	2.6	373	2.5
Homer	86	1.9	134	2.4	139	2.9	359	2.4
Bethel	50	1.1	87	1.5	117	2.4	254	1.7
Seward	98	2.1	98	1.7	41	.9	237	1.6
Ketchikan	66	1.4	74	1.3	95	2.0	235	1.6
Fort Yukon	80	1.7	74	1.3	77	1.6	231	1.5
Willow	66	1.4	85	1.5	78	1.6	229	1.5
Wasilla	63	1.4	88	1.6	66	1.4	217	1.4
Soldotna	55	1.2	63	1.1	51	1.1	169	1.1
Talkeetna	49	1.1	65	1.2	52	1.1	166	1.1
Elsewhere	2234	48.5	2735	48.6	2536	52.9	7505	49.9
Total	4611	100.1	5627	99.9	4794	100.1	15032	100.1

1. Fifteen residences with highest three year totals.
2. Includes College, Alaska
3. Includes Auke Bay, Alaska

1974\* Ages of 25+ Licensees

<u>Age Category</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
16-20	656	9.8
21-25	1513	22.7
26-30	1211	18.2
31-35	605	9.1
36-40	555	8.3
41-45	403	6.1
46-50	454	6.8
51-55	151	2.3
56-60	151	2.3
61-65	404	6.1
Over 65	555	8.3
Total	6,658	100.0

Mean Age = 36.6

\*There was a mean delay of about one year between purchase of license (1973) and receipt of questionnaire (1974). No respondents indicated they were 16 years of age. An estimated 50 fishermen were 17 years of age at the time they received the questionnaire.