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# COMMITTEE REPORT

## HOUSE

FURTHER: FINANCE

1/26/83

Date: 2/4/93

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had ~~HR~~ HB 118

An Act relating to the brown and grizzly bear tag requirement for Alaska residents; and providing for an effective date.

under consideration and reports it back as follows:

- do pass  do not pass
- do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for HB 118  same title
- new title
- and recommends DO PASS
- AND attaches a "Letter of Intent"  New Fiscal Note
- reports it back without recommendation  Zero Fiscal Note Attached
- referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ Committee

**MEMBERS SIGNING  
DO PASS**

**MEMBERS HAVING  
OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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 CHAIRMAN

STATE OF ALASKA  
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FISCAL IMPACT

Bill No: CS HB 118 (RES) Date on Bill: 2/7/83  
 Title: An Act relating to a Brown and Grizzly bear tag fee for a resident  
 Sponsor: Shultz  
 Requestor: House Resources

1. Estimated fiscal impacts on:

a. Expenditures:

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86
Capital				
Operating				
Total	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

b. Revenues:

Revenue				
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2. Source of funds to offset fiscal impact of bill:

3. Assumptions:

4. Disclaimer:

This statement has not been reviewed by the OMB in the Office of the Governor. It therefore does not represent the final estimate of fiscal impact.

Prepared By: Co. Robert Stickle Phone: 269-5532  
 Division: Fish & Wildlife Protection Date: 2/18/83  
 Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]* Date: 2/20/83  
 Department: Public Safety

5. Distribution:

- Original to Legislative Finance
- Copy to OMB
- Copy to Sponsor
- Copy to Requestor

2/15/83

# STATE OF ALASKA

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE PROTECTION**

BILL SHEFFIELD GOVERNOR  
ROBERT J. SUNDBERG  
COMMISSIONER

P. O. BOX 6188, ANNEX  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99502

January 31, 1983

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Feb 4 1983

Representative John Ringstad  
Chairman, House Resources Committee  
State Capitol  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

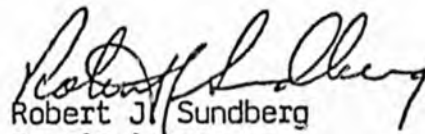
Dear Representative Ringstad:

I would like to present the following position which the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, Department of Public Safety holds with regard to House Bill 118 under proposal:

HB 118 - Support

This will increase the incidental take of brown/grizzly bear in selected areas and assist in meeting species management plan.

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Sundberg  
Commissioner

January 24, 1983

Representative Dick Schultz  
State Capitol Building  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Dick:

On January 5, 1983 the Tok Cutoff-Nabesna Road Advisory Committee met in a general meeting to discuss hunting regulations. There were several things discussed with two of them pertaining to you.

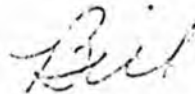
#1 We would like to see legislation written and passed that would control or rather stop harrassment of hunters, trappers, and fishermen. We would be able to carry on our life-style without harrassment from the "greenies".

#2 We would like to see legislation written and passed that would eliminate the \$25 trophy tag for resident grizzly/brown bear hunters. We believe the State is rich enough without charging its residents a \$25 fee.

Our committee will be meeting within a few weeks and correspondence from you would be appreciated. I would like to be able to tell the folks something about these two items.

Good luck and if there is anything I or this committee can do to help, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Bill Ellis, Chairman  
Tok Cutoff-Nabesna Rd. Advisory Committee  
S. P. Box 380  
Gakona, Alaska 99535  
907/822-3426

P. O. Box 28  
Glennallen, AK 99588  
December 30, 1982

The Honorable Richard Shultz  
District 17 Representative  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Shultz:

At the December 7, 1982 Copper Basin Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting held in Glennallen, an in-depth discussion was held by the committee and a number of local citizens.

At that time, the focal subject of much of this discussion was of brown bear and grizzly bear predation problems and their effects on local game, people and property.

As Unit 11 and 13, in the Copper Basin, are by far the most hunted for caribou and moose, our game numbers are constantly under pressure from hunters. In addition, recent studies have shown that these two units harbor the heaviest concentration of brown bear in the state and per capita possibly the world.

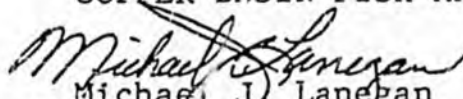
As you may know, we have many adverse confrontations between people and bears each year in our area. Within a half mile of the community of Glennallen, as many as twelve bears wander freely to and from the local garbage dump at all times of the day and night. Some residents have found it necessary to maintain an all-night watch to keep their houses from entry by bears.

In view of the many problems involved with these bears, and their tremendous predation on game animals, this committee and these citizens would like to solicit your aid in the temporary removal of the required \$25 brown bear tag fees. As most residents here cannot justify the \$25 expenditure, we feel that the removal of these fees would allow the taking of many local bears, which are not removed because of the cost of these tags.

On behalf of the people of this community, please consider our request an urgent one and worthy of your efforts to help us in the removal of this required expenditure, which many cannot afford. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

COPPER BASIN FISH AND GAME ADVISORY BOARD

  
Michael J. Langan  
Secretary

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# STATE OF ALASKA

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ROBERT J. SUNDBERG  
COMMISSIONER

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

*DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE PROTECTION*

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February 9, 1983

Representative John Ringstad  
Chairman, House Resources Committee  
State Capitol  
Pouch V  
Juneau, AK 99811

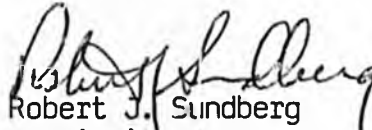
Dear Representative Ringstad:

I would like to present the following position which the Division of Fish and Wildlife Protection, Department of Public Safety holds with regard to the Committee Substitute for House Bill 118 under proposal:

CS HB 118 <sup>(RES)</sup> Support

This will increase the incidental take of brown/grizzly bear in selected areas and assist in meeting species management plan.

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Sundberg  
Commissioner



THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

Expenditure Type  
 Revenue Type

I. REQUEST  
Bill/Resolution No. HB 118  
Title relating to the brown & grizzly bear tag requirement for AK residents, etc.  
Requested by House Resources Committee Date 1/31/83

II. FISCAL DETAIL  
Agency Affected N/A  
Program Category Affected N/A  
BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected N/A  
(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	0	0	0			

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						
	0	0	0			

POSITIONS

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY	0	0	0			

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

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LEGISLATIVE FINANCE

IV. DATE 1/31/83 PREPARED BY Col. Robert Stickle Phone 269-5532  
DIVISION Fish & Wildlife Initials [Signature]  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY Initials [Signature]  
Original: Legislative Finance  
cc: Budget and Management  
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named) [Signature]  
33-001 (Rev. 12/82) OMB Reviewed by: Eric Laschever

Alaska Statewide  
Hunters Success 1981-82 Season

Species	Resident Harvest			Non-Resident Harvest			Unknown Unsuccessful	Total hunters	Total harvest
	successful hunter	unsuccessful hunter	% of Harvest	successful hunter	unsuccessful hunter	% total harvest			
SHEEP	<u>561</u>	<u>1,032</u>	67%	<u>278</u>	<u>76</u>	33%	<u>33</u>	<u>1980</u> 2,348*	<u>839</u> 1,081*
BROWN BEAR	371	4,007	46%	436	551	54%		5,365	807
CARIBOU	<u>1,886</u>	575	91%	<u>1,398</u>	65	9%	<u>29</u>	<u>3,953</u>	14,813**
MOOSE	<u>4,669</u>	<u>14,492</u>	83%	<u>627</u>	<u>680</u>	12%	<u>434</u>	<u>20,902</u> 23,550*	<u>5,296</u> 6,099*

\* Drawing data included, but lacking residency breakdown

underlined = Drawing hunters not included

\*\* 10,919 caribou, estimated, unreported harvest

Reasoning behind the proposed CS for HB 118

The committee substitute is very simply better language, that gives the Board of Game the option of lifting the \$25 tag fee, should they decide it is in the best interest of resource management to do so.

The language is also more consistent with that used for the same purpose regarding musk oxen tags, in AS 16.05.340(a)(18)(B).

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. Committee Substitute for House Bill 118  
Title Brown and Grizzly bear tag fee for residents  
Requested by House Resources Date 2/04/83

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Fish and Game  
Program Category Affected Game Resource Conservation, NRMEC  
BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected Division of Game  
(Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		0	0	0	0	0
200 TRAVEL		0	0	0	0	0
300 CONTRACTUAL		0	0	0	0	0
400 COMMODITIES		0	0	0	0	0
500 EQUIPMENT		0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES		0	0	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.		0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL		0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS		0	0	0	0	0
OTHER (Specify Source)		0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS

FULL TIME		0	0	0	0	0
PART TIME		0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY		0	0	0	0	0

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

This proposal would result in a reduction of fish and game tag receipt revenues ranging from zero to \$4,000. No other fiscal impact.

At Resources Committee meeting of 2/04/83, ADF&G indicated the impact would be zero.

IV. DATE February 4, 1983 PREPARED BY John Ringstad, Chairman  
AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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January 27, 1983

Representative John Ringstad  
Chairman, House Resources Committee  
State Capitol  
Pouch V  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Representative Ringstad:

I would like to present the following positions which the Division of Fish & Wildlife Protection, Department of Public Safety hold with regard to the subsequent House Bills under proposal:

H.B. 5 - Neutral

This bill may prove to be detrimental to some of the smaller fishermen.

H.B. 47 - Neutral (with amendment)

Proposed Amendment:

Require all nonresidents to be guided or in the company of 2nd degree kindred.

As written the bill will invite an increase in residency falsification on hunting licenses. These are not usually identified until after the season is over and consequently the people are already out of state.

Assigning nonresidents to guides will increase control of the nonresidents. We would propose that permits be issued to the guides in the areas where the Board determines a population of animals warrants allowing nonresidents to hunt.

Nonresident aliens are already required to use a guide and since that requirement became effective enforcement problems with nonresident aliens has declined sharply.

Representative John Ringstad  
Chairman, House Resources Committee

January 27, 1983

H.B. 63 - Neutral

No Comment.

H.B. 67 - (support with amendments)

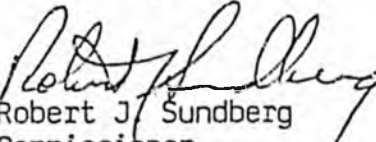
Proposed Amendment:

Require a subsistence license. The applicant for the license must sign an affidavit attesting to the fact that he meets the income requirements to obtain a subsistence license and falsification of the affidavit is perjury. A very strict penalty for perjury should be established for this offense and sentencing made mandatory.

"UNENFORCEABLE AS WRITTEN"

We cannot get records from IRS to verify income and we have no way of knowing or proving the number of family members in a household.

Sincerely,

  
Robert J. Sundberg  
Commissioner