

**COMMITTEE REPORT**  
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Offered: 5/2/85  
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Referred: Labor & Commerce

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

14th... Legislature FIRST... Session

SENATE CONC...RESOL.. NO. .20....

By ANAROFF, ELIASON, P. FISCHER

Relating to insurance of fishing vessels.

Introduced in the Senate ... 4/12., 19. 85

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STATE OF ALASKA 1985 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SCR 20  
 Title: Relating to Insurance  
of Fishing Vessels  
 Sponsor: Zharoff  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Commerce & Econ. Dev.  
 Program Category Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Consumer Protection  
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Insurance

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90
<b>OPERATING</b>						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL		75.0				
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>						
<b>REVENUE</b>						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND	75.0				
FEDERAL FUNDS					
OTHER					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75.0</b>				

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-				
PART-TIME					
TEMPORARY					

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page if necessary

Prepared By: John George, Director Phone: 465-2515  
 Division: Insurance Date: 4/24/85  
 Approved by Commissioner: Loren H. Lounsbury Date: 4/26/85  
 Agency: Commerce and Economic Development

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

- Legislative Finance
- Legislative Sponsor
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