

HB

216

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date referred: 4/27/87

FURTHER REFERRALS:

DATE: 5-13-87

The Finance Committee has considered HB 216

"An Act relating to game farming."

RECOMMENDS:

- replace with _____ the same title
- attached amendment(s) a new title
- do pass
- do not pass
- no recommendation
- individual recommendations
- additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

- fiscal impact
- zero fiscal note
- zero with analysis
- same as previous fiscal note published 2-27-87
- same as previous zero fiscal note published _____

SIGNING DO PASS:

ADAMS [Signature]

POURCHOT [Signature]

LARSON [Signature]

SWACK-HAMMER [Signature]

BOYER [Signature] / but sounds like a lark to me!

RIEGER [Signature]

FRANK [Signature]

BROWN [Signature]

DAVIS [Signature]

SIGNING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature]
Chairman's signature

STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: _____

Bill Version: HB 216
Publish Date: HOUSE 2/27/87

Revision Date: _____

Agency Affected: Fish and Game

Title: An Act relating to game farming

BRU: Game

Sponsor: Larson and Menard

Components: _____

Requestor: _____

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING						
CAPITAL						
REVENUE		1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary) Indications are that approximately 50-60 people are presently farming birds without a valid license. Assumes most of these people (40) would buy a license if fee were lower and that an additional 20 people who presently do not farm birds because fee is too high would buy license and farm birds. Biennial revenues would be \$1,200--presently they are \$200.

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Division: Game Date: 4/24/87

Approved by Commissioner: Donnell Ellsworth Date: 4-24-87
Agency: Fish and Game

- Distribution (by preparer):
- Legislative Finance
 - Legislative Sponsor
 - Requestor
 - Office of Management and Budget
 - Impacted Agency(ies)
 - Senate Secretary

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY LARSON AND MENARD

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HOUSE BILL NO. 216

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5

A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to game farming."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 16.05.340(a)(14) is amended to read:

9 (14) Fish [OR GAME] farming biennial license..... 200

10 * Sec. 2. AS 16.05.340(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

11 (18) Game farming:

12 (A) Game mammal or game reptile farming biennial

13 license 200

14 (B) Game bird farming biennial license 20

ALASKA GAMEBIRD ASSOCIATION



April 18, 1987

Dear Representative.

We have been working on the issue of the Gamebird Farming License since June of 1985. It was at that time that Phil Koehl, a game biologist in the Commissioner's office at Juneau, made us aware of AS 16.05.330 & 340(14)a. which requires that a Game Farming License for a biennial fee \$200.00 must be purchased for the business of breeding, propagating, raising, or producing of gamebirds in captivity, for the purpose of marketing gamebirds or their products.

The business/and or hobby of propagating gamebirds has been popular in the U.S.A. since the turn of the century. I have seen a marked and steady increase of people raising gamebirds in Alaska, during the last 5 years, you would be surprised at the numbers!

A pair of Quail costs approximately \$10.00 on the Alaskan market. The License to breed them or propagate and raise up their chicks costs \$200.00 biennially, plus a Business License of \$25.00 a year. This statute, as written in 1957, is cost prohibitive to the raising and propagating of upland gamebirds and waterfowl today.

Another point, on viewing the Gamebird Industry in Alaska is that, being isolated from the other states as we are, this business is completely state-efficient. Birds climatized to our state weather produce a stronger, well-feathered chick. The off-spring, either eggs or chicks, must be housed and fed properly. This perpetually stimulates the economy of Feed Stores, Hardware Suppliers, Building Suppliers where wire and lumber and additional materials are purchased.

House Bill 216 would change the amount of money people would have to pay for selling gamebirds in Alaska. We feel \$250.00 every two years is far too much for every gamebird breeder/and or hobbyist to pay. If House Bill 216 becomes law it shouldn't substantially reduce the gross receipts to the General Fund, nor should the costs of administering the license exceed the licensing revenue. The costs of administering the Game Licensing program are minimal and will remain that way. The only costs to the State is the time and material necessary to issue the license. Data needed for a Game Farming License required by statute are as follows: Name, Address, Phone, Physical Location, Applicant Description, Years of Residency, Birthdate, and Social Security Number.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the new Regulation and Aviculturists Permit cooperatively drafted by the Alaska Gamebird Assoc. and the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game. The Regulation and Permit was voted on and judiciously accepted by the Board of Game as of April 14, 1987. Both will be published by ADF&G in their

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new regulation booklet available later this year. You will note that both the Regulation and Permit allow the buying, selling, trading, importing and exporting of upland gamebirds and waterfowl.

However, after a legal interpretation of this Regulation and Permit by Mr. Ed Hein, Attorney-at-Law on the Legal Staff at Juneau, he stated that indeed a Game Farming License is still necessary for the business of breeding, selling or marketing these birds until the wording of the statute is changed.

Once again we urge you to support House Bill 216 and pass this Bill

Sincerely,

Judith A. Rivard, Secretary

Johnnie M. Dellinger, President

Linda S. Dellinger, Treasurer

cc: Board of Directors, AGA
Representative Ron Larson