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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
FIRST COMMITTEE OF REFERRAL

DATE: 3/7/90

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3-15-90
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 21)

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 3-26-90

Resources _____ Committee considered _____ SB 516 _____

Certain reports and records concerning game animals.

and recommended:

replace with _____ CS SB 516 (Res) same title

attached amendment(s) new title

_____ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to _____

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department(s)/Date:

Department(s)/Date:

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) FtG

appropriation-no fiscal note

Governor's bill w/fiscal note

SIGNING DO PASS:

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature] Testing Chair Do Pass.
Chair: Signature and Recommendation



STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

BILL ANALYSIS

DEPARTMENT Fish and Game	DIVISION Wildlife Conservation	BILL NUMBER SB 516	SPONSOR Resources
SHORT TITLE OF BILL Reports and records concerning game animals			
DEPARTMENT POSITION Support			
PREPARED BY Bruce Dinneford	DATE 3-17-90	COMMISSIONER'S SIGNATURE <i>Bruce A. Dinneford</i>	DATE 3/19/90

SUMMARY

OTHER AGENCIES AFFECTED BY BILL Department of Public Safety Department of Law	CONSTITUENT GROUP(S) AFFECTED BY BILL Hunters Trappers
ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT FOR BILL	ORGANIZATIONAL OPPOSITION TO BILL

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED

BACKGROUND/LEGISLATIVE INTENT

This bill would make names, addresses, license numbers, or any other personal identifying information appearing on a hunting or trapping document confidential. The act requires the removal of such identifiers from documents before release to the public.

ANALYSIS OF BILL/PROGRAM EFFECTS

This bill provides benefits for conservative management of wildlife resources. A trapper, hunter, or guide would not be able to track another's take of game from department documents and direct effort to where other successful trappers or hunters have harvested game. If made into law, those who wanted names and addresses of those harvesting game would not be able to get them without a court order.

Because a persons identity will be protected, we expect the accuracy of reported information to increase, especially location of kill.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED

PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR ANALYSIS

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST:

Revision Date: 3-7-90
 Title: Reports and records concerning game animals
 Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requestor: Governor

Agency Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: Wildlife Conservation
 Components: Wildlife Conservation

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY91	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
CAPITAL						
REVENUE	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No FY 90 impact.

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Phone: 465-4190
 Date: 3-19-90

Approved by Commissioner: *W. Bruce Dinneford*
 Agency: _____

Date: 3/19/90

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

4/4/90

SB 516 was introduced in response to a request by the Alaska Trappers Association. It was their number one priority, as they do not want the location of their trapping or hunting activity known. First, because the reports would be confidential, it would prevent others from going to an individual's hunting or trapping location to hunt or trap. Secondly, it would help prevent hunter harassment by those who might not approve of hunting or trapping.

The Department of Fish and Game supports this bill since it would also help to ensure that hunters and trappers would give accurate location of the take, with the assurance the information is confidential.

The Alaska Outdoor Council also supports the bill.

THE SENATE RESOURCES CS ADDS: on Page 1, Line 27, or the location of the taking.

And on Page two, line 6, regarding trapping or hunting activities; "trapping or hunting document" includes a report or record

And on Page two, line 9 and all other trapping or hunting harvest records

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ALASKA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

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February 12, 1990

Senator Betty Fahrenkamp
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Fahrenkamp:

The top priority for legislation for the Alaska Trappers Association is what has become known as the confidentiality bill. This was first introduced on February 5, 1988, and was titled SB398. You probably recall that you were one of the co-sponsors at that time.

Perhaps you don't recall the position that trappers find themselves in. By law, a trapper must have beaver, otter, lynx, wolf and wolverine sealed before selling the hides. This sealing form is then often released to various parties upon request. Trappers feel like the need to know certain data for good resource management is valid, but that releasing our names, addresses, and other information to various environmental organizations is not really legitimate.

We understand that at this point a bill would have to be introduced as a committee bill. We would appreciate your help in getting this bill passed.

Sincerely,



Dean L. Wilson
Legislative Chairman
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