

HB

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**FISCAL NOTE**

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. CSHB 571 (Res)**

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Department Affected: Environmental Conservation  
 Title: Use of the OHSRRF BRU: Spill Prevention & Response  
 Component: Spill Planning & Management  
 Sponsor: (H) Res.  
 Requestor: (H) Res. COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 

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**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<b>CAPITAL</b>						
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<b>REVENUE</b>						
<b>FUND SOURCE:</b>						

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER OHSRRF						
FUND SOURCE: 1052	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>TOTAL</b>						

**POSITIONS:**

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

Estimate of current year impact: None

**ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)**  
 \*Estimating the cost to the Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response Fund is impossible at this time. The Department does not have any information as to how often fishing gear is fouled by oil, nor the cost of that gear.

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Position Paper

Rep. Pat Carney

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This legislation is introduced as a result of a constituent who suffered a loss of two fishing nets due to an oil spill. The Department of Environmental Conservation took a sample of the oil and was not able to determine where the oil originated.

I feel that the 470 fund is the appropriate fund to turn to for compensation for losses due to oil spills where the spiller cannot be identified. This legislation is designed to replace fishing gear and is not intended to pay for lost fishing time.

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARNEY

TO: HB 571

Page 2, line 28, after "water":

Insert "or, if the gear loss or fouling occurs outside state water, the loss or fouling occurs in conjunction with a fishery activity that is authorized by the Board of Fisheries and to the gear of a vessel that is registered under the laws of the state"



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North Pacific Fisheries Association  
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RE: HB 571

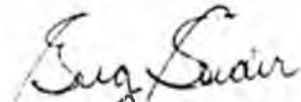
Dear Representative Davidson:

It is our belief that the amendment to the Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response Fund, which would assist fishermen whose gear was lost or fouled by the release of an oil or hazardous substance party unknown, addresses a very real problem which has occurred in the fishing industry.

Representative Carney has proposed an amendment to HB 571 on page 2, line 28, after "water" to insert: "or, if the gear loss or fouling occurs outside the state water, the loss or fouling occurs in conjunction with a fishery activity that is authorized by the Board of Fisheries and to the gear of a vessel that is registered under the laws of the state." UFA would support the broadening of this act provided the amendment proposed is adopted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed legislation.

Very truly yours,

  
Greg Seider  
Executive Director