

SB

145

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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The Honorable Cliff Davidson, Chair  
House Resources Committee  
P.O. Box V  
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Representative Davidson:

Subject: CSSB 145 (Res), which allows the state to sell or dispose of state land, for less than the appraised value, to a nonprofit corporation or association organized to manage a cemetery or solid waste facility.

Position: The Department of Natural Resources supports this bill.


Background: At this time, the department can lease but not sell land at less than fair market value to non-profit organizations for public or charitable purposes. We would, however, prefer to sell rather than lease land for a cemetery or solid waste facility because of the associated long term liability problems. Examples of local needs for cemetery or solid waste sites:

The Trapper Creek Community Services Organization has requested state land for a local cemetery. This bill would allow the organization to purchase state land, at less than fair market value, for the cemetery.

The Tolsona and Nelchina community councils have formed to provide fire protection and operate solid waste disposal facilities. The councils have identified local sites for the facilities and are willing to operate them. We are reluctant to lease land for the facilities because of the liability problem, and the communities cannot afford to pay fair market value to purchase the land.

Please let me know if you need additional information related to this bill.

Sincerely,

  
Harold C. Heinze  
Commissioner

cc: Committee Members  
Senator Menard  
Bruce Kendall, Legislative Liaison, Office of the Governor  
John Sandor, Commissioner, Department of Environmental  
Conservation

**FISCAL NOTE**

**STATE OF ALASKA  
1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. SB 145

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: State land as cemeteries and hazardous facilities  
 Sponsor: Senator Curt Menard  
 Requestor: Senator Curt Menard

Department Affected: DEC  
 BRU: Environmental Quality  
 Component: EQ Projects

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 

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

OPERATING	FY 92	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97
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>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

<b>CAPITAL</b>						
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<b>REVENUE</b>						
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**FUNDING:** (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: **NONE**

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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Approved by Commissioner: *Mendelsohn*  
 Agency: Dept. of Environmental Conservation

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