

**SB 116**

# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 3/6/91

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 3/12/91

The Finance Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 116

"An Act relating to permits for the hunting of bison; and providing for an effective date."

and recommended:

replace with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_  
 or adopt \_\_\_\_\_ / CS \_\_\_\_\_

same title  
 new title  
 technical title change (HB only)

attached amendment(s)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ letter of intent adopted

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Dept/Date:

fiscal note(s) DFIG 3/11/91

APPROVES PREVIOUS:

Dept/Date:

fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

zero fiscal note(s) \_\_\_\_\_

appropriation-no fiscal note

~~SIGNING DO PASS:~~

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

*J. Duncan*  
*Al Adams*  
*Lyman Hoffman*  
*Bill [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*

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1. For [unclear] do pass 2. Verifiable papers  
Co-Chairs: Signatures and Recommendations

**FISCAL NOTE**

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1991 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

BILL NO. SB 116

Revision Date: March 11, 1991 Department Affected: Fish and Game  
 Title: An Act relating to permits BRU: Div. of Wildlife Conservation  
for the hunting of bison Component: Wildlife Conservation  
 Sponsor: Senator Collins  
 Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

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						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

<b>CAPITAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>REVENUE</b>	0	\$15.5	\$17.9	\$20.5	\$23.6	\$27.2
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

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

Estimate of current year impact: No FY 91 or FY92 impact.

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

Projected revenue assumes (1) no Spring 92 Farewell bison hunt, and (2) an annual 15% growth rate in permit applications for the next few years, similar to the long-term increase in applications for the Delta Junction bison permit hunts.

Prepared By: Phil Koehl Phone: 465-4190  
 Division: Wildlife Conservation Date: 3/11/91  
 Approved by Commissioner: *Don Amerind*  
 Agency: Department of Fish and Game Date: 3/11/91

Distribution (by preparer): Legislative Finance, Legislative Sponsor, Requestor, OMB, & Impacted Agency(ies).

SENATE BILL NO. 116

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR COLLINS

Introduced: 2/13/91  
Referred: Resources and Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to permits for the hunting of bison; and providing for an effective  
2 date."

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

4 \* Section 1. AS 16.05.346(b) is amended to read

5 (b) The application fee for a drawing permit issued by the department for the hunting of  
6 bison [IN THE DELTA JUNCTION BISON RANGE AREA] is \$10.

7 \* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1992.



Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

## Senate

SENATOR VIRGINIA COLLINS

Pouch V  
State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99811

### SPONSOR STATEMENT

#### Senate Bill 116

Senate Bill 116, "An Act relating to permits for the hunting of bison; and providing for an effective date."

Under current law, the application fee for a drawing permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game for the hunting of bison in the Delta Junction Bison Range Area is \$10 and the fee in both the Farewell and Chitina herd areas is \$5.

This bill would increase the fee in the Farewell and Chitina areas to \$10 so the fee would be consistent for the three areas.

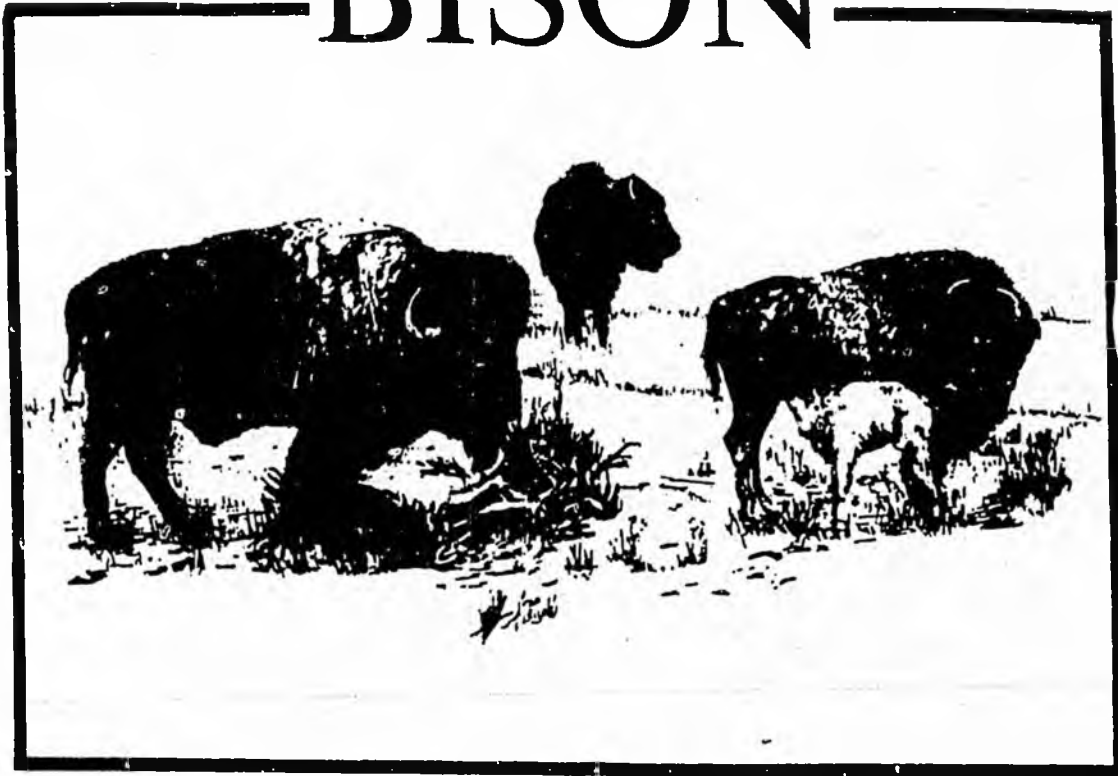
The fee increase would allow for better range and herd management in each of the areas. Current funding is inadequate. Management includes providing areas of adequate forage for the bison, making aerial surveys to gather herd data including population figures, equipping some of the herd with tracking collars, and checking the herd for disease.

There is an increasing interest in bison hunts. These hunts are one of only a few in the U.S. and Canada and there is a growing demand and market for the meat. Currently, the Alberta herd and the Yellowstone herd is experiencing an outbreak of a serious disease and many of the animals are having to be slaughtered. Applications are on the increase in Alaska. Adequate funding to allow good management is imperative.

This bill is supported by the Department of Fish & Game and the fiscal note indicates revenue increasing over the next five years. This bill is also supported by the Alaska State Muzzle Loading Association and the McKinley Mountainmen Muzzle Loading Rifle Club, and Midnight Sun Muzzleloaders, Inc. This fee increase would be effective with the 1992 hunt.

Your support of Senate Bill 116 would be appreciated.

# BISON



## Senate Bill 116

"An Act relating to permits for the hunting of bison; and providing for an effective date."

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FISCAL NOTE

No. 1

Bill Version: SB 116

(S) Publish Date: 3/6/91

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REVENUE	\$11.0	\$12.7	\$14.6	\$16.8	\$19.3	\$22.2
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

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Approved by Commissioner: (Signature)  
Agency: Fish and Game Date: 2/20/91

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**DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN FILMED BUT ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE ORIGINAL FILE INCLUDE:**

**CORRESPONDENCE IN SUPPORT OF SB 116 FROM:**

1. ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL, INC. 3/11/91
2. MCKINLEY MOUNTAINMEN MUZZLE  
LOADING RIFLE CLUB 2/22/90
3. ALASKA STATE MUZZLE LOADING  
ASSOCIATION 2/21/90
4. MIDNIGHT SUN MUZZELLOADERS, INC. (UNDATED)