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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred: March 26, 1993

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/7/93

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 232

HOUSE BILL NO. 232

BOW HUNTING STAMP & BOW HUNTING SAFETY

"An Act relating to a bow hunting tag and bow hunting safety; and providing for an effective date."

RECOMMENDATIONS: [] the same title

be replaced with _____ [] a new title

[] have attached amendments(s)

[] do pass

[] do not pass

[] no recommendations

[] individual recommendations

[] additional referral to the _____ Committee

ADOPTS: _____ letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

[] fiscal impact _____

[] fiscal note(s) F+G 3/24/93

[] zero fiscal note _____

[] zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING <u>DO</u> PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Ronald J. Hansen</i>	X				
<i>Mark Hanker</i>	X				
<i>Terry Martin</i>	X				
<i>Steve Parnell</i>		<i>Steve Parnell</i>		X	
<i>Ben Cisszendorf</i>	X				
<i>Lyne Hoff</i>	X				
<i>Mike Ravame</i>	✓				
<i>Tan Brown</i>	✓				
<i>Jim Therriault</i>	X				
<i>Richard J. Foster</i>	X				

Ronald J. Hansen
CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 232

Revision Date: _____

Department Affected: Fish and Game

Title: An Act relating to a bow hunting tag and
bow hunting safety

BRU: Wildlife Conservation, Administration

Sponsor: Representative Bunde

Component: Wildlife Conservation

Requestor: House Resources

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0473, 0479

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE: 1024	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other (1024 Fish & Game Fund)	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1
TOTAL	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY	1	1	1	1	1	1

Estimate of current year (FY93) impact: \$ 0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

See attached page

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Division: Wildlife Conservation Administration

Date: 3/22/93

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]

Agency: Department of Fish and Game

Date: 3/23/93

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Assumptions:

1. Approximately 5,000 bow hunting tags will be sold per annum. This estimate is based on the number of individuals who have been certified through the state bow hunter education program. The number is not expected to change unless more hunters are encouraged to hunt with bows as a result of regulatory changes by the Board of Game (e.g., establishment of more archery only hunting areas or exclusive bow hunting seasons).
2. \$2.0 in personal services for a non-permanent Data Processing Clerk I (range 8) for 1 month to assist in mailouts of supplies and data entry of stamps issued, sold, and returned.
3. Contractual costs include cost of printing, postage, and compensation to vendors. Compensation to vendors is in two components: 5.0 (\$1/stamp sold) from the General Fund and 1.8 (5% of tag fee) from the Fish and Game Fund.



House of Representatives

SPONSOR STATEMENT
House Bill 232

HB 232 creates a bow hunting tag that will be sold with a hunting license for a \$7.00 additional fee. The proceeds from the sale of the bow hunting tag would become part of the fish and game fund.

The Department of Fish and game shall use the funds from the fish and game fund to :

- 1) assist in developing and coordinating activities involving private organizations relating to shooting and firearms;
- 2) develop a hunting safety program, including bow hunting safety, for the people of the state;
- 3) establish a program to assist in the planning, construction, and operation of public shooting ranges;
- 4) make grants for education and training in the safe use of hunting bows.

This bill will take effect January 1, 1994

Back-up

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MEMORANDUM

March 22, 1993

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of HB 232; An Act relating to a bow hunting tag and bow hunting safety.

TO: Representative Con Bunde

FROM: George Utermohle *GU*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of HB 232; An Act relating to a bow hunting tag and bow hunting safety.

A sectional summary of a bill is not an authoritative interpretation of the bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of the bill amends AS 16.05.110 to provide that the proceeds from the sale of bow hunting tags are deposited into the fish and game fund.

Section 2 of the bill amends AS 16.05.340(a) to establish the bow hunting tag fee and to provide exemptions from the requirement to possess a bow hunting tag.

Section 3 of the bill amends AS 16.55.010 to require that the Department of Fish and Game include bow hunting safety in its hunting safety program.

Section 4 of the bill amends AS 16.55.020 to provide that the Department of Fish and Game may make grants for education and training in the safe use of hunting bows.

Section 5 of the bill provides that the bill takes effect January 1, 1994.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

GU:mi
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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
POSITION PAPER

Bill No: HB 232 (3/16/93)

Sponsor: Representative Bunde

Division: Wildlife Conservation

Bill Title: An Act relating to a bow hunting tag and bow hunting safety; and providing for an effective date.

Department Position: Support

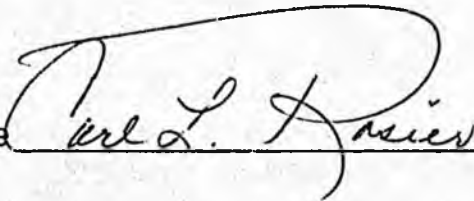
Background/Legislative Intent: This bill would establish a new license fee for bow hunters, over and above the current hunting license fee. The legislation apparently is designed to raise revenue for the purpose of providing additional funding for bow hunting education/safety courses.

Analysis of Bill/Program Effects: This bill apparently has wide support among Alaskan bowhunters, and the sales of bow hunting tags would produce a modest revenue stream to the Fish and Game Fund. At estimated sales of 5000 tags/annum, approximately 1/3 of total revenues will be needed to cover program operating costs.

If estimates are correct, this bill could provide additional revenue to the department for bow hunter education/safety programs. Bowhunters, as a result of paying an additional license fee, may be able to justify regulatory proposals to the Board of Game for the establishment of additional "bow only" hunting areas or special "bow only" seasons, distinct from general firearm seasons. Depending on the board response to such proposals, there could be an impact on hunting opportunities for non-bow hunters.

Amendments Proposed: None.

Commissioner's Signature



Date

3/23/93



GOLDEN NORTH ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

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CHARTERED BY: NATIONAL FIELD ARCHERY ASSOCIATION AND ALASKA STATE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION

March 22, 1993

Representative Con Bunde
Room 112
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RE: House Bill 232.

Dear Representative Bunde:

The Golden North Archery Association, made up of over 300 members, is in strong support of Bill 232. We have been in favor of such a bill for many years and certainly welcome its introduction.

We see Bill 232 having a very positive effect on hunting and wildlife conservation in general. We also feel it will be equally beneficial in regards to archery related issues.

We encourage the legislature to look favorably on this bill and promote its timely passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ken Vorisek".

Ken Vorisek
Legislative Action Committee,
Chairman

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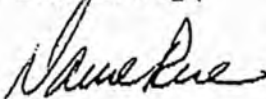
Dear Representative Bunde:

I have been hunting with a bow for a number of years. I would like to see Bill 232 passed. It may cost me an extra \$7.00 a year but it should encourage Fish and Game to better provide for this low impact use of the resource.

Since archery success rate is very low I would like to see additional opportunity for bowhunting. It would provide for more recreational and subsistence use.

Thanks for you consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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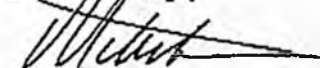
RE: House Bill 232

Dear Representative ^{Con} Bunde:

I appreciate your introducing a bill to implement an archery stamp in the state. I believe that paying the extra fee will allow ADF&G to gather numbers which will show the extent of bowhunting in Alaska. Further, all archers and hunters in general will benefit because additional monies will be available for archery education. I believe we need to use education to reinforce what all hunters know now, that is the wise use of our resources. We need to impress upon them that image is just about everything. Hunters in Alaska have a good image and we need to keep it that way. Especially for bowhunting.

Thanks for your work on this matter. Count on me for support, should you need it.

Sincerely,


Rick Schikora

March 22, 1993

Mr. Con Bunde
Alaska Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Bunde:

I like House Bill 232. It is a good bill long overdue. I hope it does not get bogged down in the political process.

Thanks for its introduction, if I can be of any help please let me know.

Gratefully,

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March 22, 1993

Representative Con Bunde
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RE: House Bill 232.

Dear Representative Bunde:

At our recent general membership meeting the membership voted overwhelmingly to support a requirement for a statewide bowhunting tag. This issue was also brought before our board of directors the following day. They also voted overwhelmingly to support this issue. The results of these actions have been recorded in the meeting minutes.

We strongly support Bill 232 because it will:

- 1) Generate additional funds that may be appropriated to Fish and Game.
- 2) Mandate bowhunting safety programs while providing a source for funding.
- 3) Allow for an accurate statewide count of bowhunting participants.
- 4) Provide information that will better facilitate Fish and Game in its management efforts in regards to bowhunting issues.

Thank you for your support on Bill 232, and we look forward to its passage.

Sincerely,



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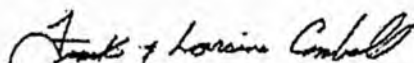
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Honorable Con Bunde:

We wish to express our support for House Bill 232. We don't feel the modest fee for an archery stamp would be a deterrent to anyone wishing to hunt with a bow. In fact, the benefits derived from accurate information about participation should outweigh any detractions.

Thank you for your support of archery.

Sincerely,



Frank & Lorraine Campbell

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RE: House Bill #232

Dear Representative Bunde:

Per our prior discussion during the Alaskan Bowhunters banquet in February of this year I want to re-confirm my request that everything possible be done to pass this bill.

This will provide the means for funding for various projects and will provide myself and others the accurate number of hunters that use archery equipment in Alaska for taking game.

The Alaskan Bowhunters Association congratulates you on the excellent job done on this proposal and hopes that it will pass. If this proposal does not pass this legislature year as worded, I would like to discuss with you any revisions necessary to make it pass next legislative session.

Sincerely

Sam Weatherford
Alaskan Bowhunters Association
Legislative Vice President