

HB

232



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March 22, 1993

Representative Con Bunde
Room 112
Alaska Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

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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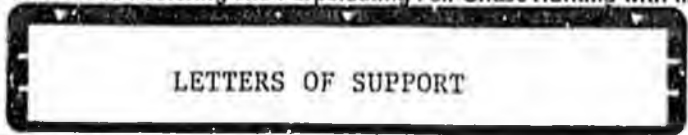
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Representative Con Bunde
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RE: House Bill 232.

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,

Ken Vorisek
Legislative Action Committee,
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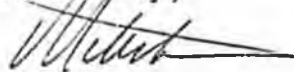
RE: House Bill 232

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

Representative Con Bunde
Room 112
Alaska Capitol Building
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

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,



Dave Rue
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March 22, 1993

Mr. Con Bunde
Alaska Capitol Building
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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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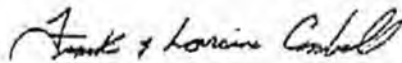
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Honorable Con Bunde:

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 hunting 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

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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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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS



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.

In these time of serious budgetary constraints it is refreshing to see legislation that would produce revenue for a Department. In this case the Department of Fish and Game would be able to continue an educational program that they may not otherwise be able to continue. I urge your support of this legislation.

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February 8, 1994

Sen. Mike Miller
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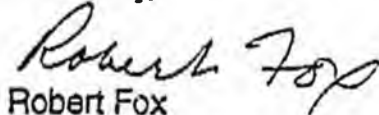
Dear Senator Miller,

There are many issues that I feel are important, but one that I would like to ask for you to consider for a hearing is the Bowhunting Stamp, HB-232. I am a bowhunter, and value my opportunity to pursue hunting in its pure form. I feel that the stamp will help validate this method of hunting.

I am a First Director for Golden North Archery and an instructor for International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP). I recognize that there are some that see this as a threat to bowhunting, but I see it as a way to improve the sport and improve opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Robert Fox



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WHY HAVE A BOWHUNTING TAG?

The bowhunting tag and educational program under HB 232 will do more to preserve and promote bowhunting opportunities within Alaska than any other single action we can take.

"If you want to gain additional bowhunting opportunities, you're on the right track with a bowhunting tag." Dave Kellyhouse, Director, Wildlife Conservation Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG).

"This would likely lead to additional bowhunting opportunities". ADFG testimony before the House of Representatives, Finance Committee, in reference to HB 232.

In this day of ever dwindling hunting opportunities how refreshing it is to have a chance to create new and additional use. The community of consumptive outdoor use is made up of many distinctly unique users. Bowhunters, fly fisherman, rifle hunters, trappers, muzzle loaders, game bird hunters, deep sea fisherman, to name a few. Our hunting community as a whole will not grow stronger unless we expand and strengthen the individual user. HB 232 will give bowhunters the tools they need to help add strength to a user group and the community as a whole.

Last spring the Alaska State Board of Game failed to pass any of the bowhunting related proposals (nearly 20), including 9 that were submitted by ABA. According to Dick Burley, Chairman of the Board of Game, the board does not really know what impact bowhunting proposals would have on the resource. John Matthews, State Hunter Education Coordinator said it best, "nobody has a clue on the number of bowhunters in Alaska". For us bowhunters to be credible and persuasive in our endeavors, we must have accurate and honest documentation of the number of bowhunters using the resource. HB 232 will give us those numbers. Numbers that are fundamental for strong and compelling arguments that will carry bowhunting into the future.

Currently ADFG is not required by law to maintain a bowhunter education course. Our current International Bowhunting Education Program (IBEP) survives solely at the mercy of ADFG's budget process and government funding. HB 232 will mandate, by law, that the state have a "bowhunting safety program, for the people of the state". This bill does not make bowhunting education mandatory, it provides the course for voluntary participation.

According to John Matthews, "IBEP cannot further develop or expand without additional funding". HB 232 does direct bowhunting tag fees into ADFG's general fund (not the states general fund). John went on to say, the bottom line is that this bill will have a positive effect on IBEP and will augment its funding, thus enhancing the program. This bill in fact, will assure the existence of our statewide bowhunting program for many years to come.

There has been some concern that a bowhunting tag may lead to either-or hunting. My inquiries to other states clearly showed that there is no correlation between bowhunting tags and either-or hunting.

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The majority of states require some form of additional bowhunting licensing, while very few of those states have either-or hunting. Interestingly, some states without additional bowhunting licensing do have either-or hunting, and in the states that have either-or hunting the bowhunters in those states generally supported the concept. In short, with or without bowhunting licensing, there is no increased risk of becoming an either-or state.

Consumptive users are being attacked from all sides. From animal rights and environmental groups, to gun control and bio-diversity lobbies. Many well financed, organized and dedicated groups such as Defenders of Wildlife, Earth First, Friends Of Animals, and The Humane Society, are successfully working to end consumptive wildlife uses—e.g. abolishing lion hunting in California and bear hunting in Colorado. These "Politically correct" groups have proposed or initiated literally hundreds of anti-hunting laws, regulations and litigation nationwide. It is sobering to see how quickly these groups are gaining political clout and public support.

National surveys show that the majority of people do not yet have a strong adversity to hunting, however, that same majority has an adversity to "hunters". To put it in plain english, the majority of people can put up with hunting, but not the hunter—they see us as selfish, disrespectful, uneducated and irresponsible. It is easy for us, as bowhunters to sit back and believe the sport we love will be around for many years. However, it simply will not be, if we as hunters do not recognize the changing political climate and take action now to maneuver ourselves into better political and public positions.


If we are to survive it is essential that we do everything we can to improve, beyond reproach, ourselves as hunters and our public image. In today's world our performance must demonstrate that we are more responsible, honest and compassionate than the groups working to eliminate us.

HB 232 sends a very clear message that bowhunters care about education, ethics, wildlife conservation, and are willing to contribute financially to those aspirations. This bill puts bowhunters in a respected, working relationship with Fish and Game and State Legislators, a relationship that is sure to pay off ten fold when it comes to lobbying for bowhunting concerns. The credibility, improved public image and political clout bowhunters will gain is vital.

I have discussed this issue with bowhunters from across the state and believe that the majority of bowhunters are in favor of this legislation. Archery organizations such as Golden North Archery Association enthusiastically support it. While no one likes paying additional fees, it is better to support the things we love now, than to wish we could in the future. We have a choice to make, we can either sit idle and watch the status-quo jeopardize the sport we cherish, or we can stand up, be heard and contribute to the future of bowhunting. Choose wisely--bowhunting depends on it!

Please take a moment and call, write, or send a P.O.M. to your state Senator and tell him/her that you bowhunt, you vote, and you support HB 232. Thanks.

A Fellow Bowhunter,



Ken Vorisek
President

P.S. You can obtain your Senators name, address, phone #, or send a POM by calling the Legislative Affairs Office in Anchorage 561-7007, Fairbanks 452-4448, Juneau 465-4648, Valdez 835-2111, Kenai 262-9364, Kodiak 486-8116, Mat-su 376-3704, or Ketchikan 225-9675.

"AN ACT RELATING TO A BOW HUNTING TAG AND BOW HUNTING SAFETY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

REPRESENTATIVE CON BUNDE STRESSED THAT HB 232 IS REVENUE GENERATING. HE STATED THAT A BOW HUNTING TAG WILL BE ISSUED TO DEVELOP A HUNTING SAFETY PROGRAM.

DAVE KELLYHOUSE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S BOW HUNTING SAFETY PROGRAM MAY BE IN JEOPARDY DUE TO CUTS IN THE DEPARTMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE BOW HUNTING COMMUNITY HAS SUGGESTED THE PROGRAM AS A VOLUNTARY EFFORT TO SUPPORT WILDLIFE CONSERVATION.

REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN ASKED HOW MUCH REVENUE THE PROGRAM WILL GENERATE. MR. KELLYHOUSE STATED THAT THEY ANTICIPATE THAT \$35.0 THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL BE GENERATED.

MR. KELLYHOUSE CLARIFIED, IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM REPRESENTATIVE THERRIAULT, THAT THE TAG WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE HUNTING LICENSE.

REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN MOVED TO REPORT HB 232 OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND WITH THE ACCOMPANYING FISCAL NOTE. THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, IT WAS SO ORDERED.

HB 232 WAS REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH A 'DO PASS' RECOMMENDATION AND WITH A FISCAL IMPACT NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME, DATED 3/26/93.

4/7/93 Finance

HOUSE FINANCE COMM. MINUTES: 4/7/93

and the bill would not be heard again at this meeting. On the agenda for the meeting, he said, were HB 232 and ~~HB 238~~. He noted that the meeting was being held by ~~teleconference~~, with sites in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Glennallen, Haines, Kodiak, Seward, Ketchikan, Sitka, Valdez, Cordova, Whittier, Seldovia, and ~~Kenai/Soldotna~~. He opened the meeting to testimony on HB 232.

HB 232: BOW HUNTING STAMP & BOW HUNTING SAFETY

Number 071

REPRESENTATIVE CON BUNDE, PRIME SPONSOR OF HB 232, explained that the bill had been introduced at the request of the Alaskan Bow Hunters Association. The intention was to impose fees upon the hunters to help support good management of game resources. Representative Bunde, a bow hunter himself, stressed the importance of education in the sport because of the skill level involved. He noted the need for proficiency in bow hunting because of the precision needed to shoot effectively and not just wound the prey. The bill sponsors education programs through a \$7 tag fee, he said.

REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE compared the program to the duck stamp program, and said the proceeds would contribute to wildlife management and enhancement in addition to education.

Number 152

REPRESENTATIVE ELDON MULDER asked about the estimated costs of educational programs.

REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE replied that there is currently an education program funded through general funds, and the revenues from the \$7 fee proposed in HB 232 would supplement those expenditures. He noted that in FY 93, \$45,000 had been budgeted for the bow hunting education program. He also noted that there are several areas in the state set aside for bow-hunting only, and in these areas, bow hunters have imposed self-regulations that require hunters to have completed a bow-hunting safety course.

Number 211

STEVE PETERSON, SENIOR STAFF BIOLOGIST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME (ADF&G), DIVISION OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, told the committee he was testifying on behalf of Dave Kelleyhouse, who was attending the Board of Game meeting in Anchorage. Mr. Peterson said his primary function at the ADF&G was federal aid work, associated with hunter education. House Bill 232, he explained, imposes a bow hunting fee over and above current hunting license fees. He said the intent was to raise

additional revenue for hunter education and safety courses. Regarding the ADF&G fiscal note, he said it was based on an estimated 5,000 tags sold each year.

MR. PETERSON said this figure was based on the number of individuals who have gone through a bow hunting course required for bow hunting in areas designated exclusively for that use. He commented that bow hunters may be able to justify proposals to the Board of Game requesting establishment of additional bow only hunting areas or seasons as a result of the additional fee. He stressed the importance of ethics in bow hunting and said educational programs are a good way to ensure sound practices.

Number 301

REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE referred to incidents where inexperienced bow hunters have caused damage to the public perception of bow hunters when they go out without knowing how to shoot and arrows are shot aimlessly, sometimes hitting animals but not killing them. He explained that the course teaches the complexities of the sport.

Number 318

CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS announced that testimony would be taken from teleconference sites.

KEN VORISEK, GOLDEN NORTH ARCHERY ASSOCIATION AND ALASKAN BOW HUNTERS ASSOCIATION, testified by teleconference from Fairbanks in strong support of HB 232. He noted that an advantage of the bill would be that it would result in more accurate documentation of the numbers of bow hunters in Alaska, in addition to its primary purposes of expanding hunter education programs and supplementing the funding for game management.

Number 360

DAN HASKINS, BOW HUNTER, testified by teleconference from Homer. He called HB 232 unsatisfactory because he felt there would be no guarantee that the additional revenues the bow hunting stamp fee brought in would be used specifically for the intended purposes. He felt the income generated might be absorbed into the state's general fund and not be used specifically for bow hunting safety and game management. He said he would support the stamp if the monies were deposited in a fund to be used for those purposes only.

Number 373

REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE responded to Mr. Haskins' remarks, and explained that in his conversations with the ADF&G, it was understood that the income would be used for the intended purposes, but because of constitutional provisions, the income could not be placed in a dedicated fund. They would instead be considered focussed on bow hunting education.

Number 396

STAN PARKERSON, GOLDEN NORTH ARCHERY ASSOCIATION, testified by teleconference from Fairbanks. He said his association had about 300 members. The association's board members, he said, had voted to support the program proposed in HB 232. He explained that Alaska has taken a different approach to game management than other states. Alaska does not look at the number of recreational hours generated by the resource as other states do, he said. Bow hunting can be a source of additional recreational hours, he said, and the support shown for HB 232 is an indication that the bow hunters are willing to pay for that opportunity.

CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS asked for further testimony, and heard none.

VICE CHAIRMAN BILL HUDSON made a MOTION to move HB 232 from committee with the ADF&G fiscal note with individual recommendations, and asked unanimous consent.

CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS asked if there were any objections. Hearing none, the MOTION PASSED.

Number 423

~~CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS announced the committee would next take up HB 238.~~

HB 238: OIL/HAZARDOUS SUBS. RELEASE RESPONSE FUND

~~CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS explained that there had been a large number of persons who responded to the announcement of a teleconference hearing on HB 238. Because of the complexity and public interest in the bill, he announced that the committee would take as much time as needed to hear all public testimony, and that the bill would not be moved at this meeting. He explained that the bill had been sponsored by the House Special Committee on Oil and Gas, and would be summarized by the chair of that committee, Representative Joe Green. He noted for the record that Representative Cliff Davidson was in attendance at the meeting, as well.~~

Number 438

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

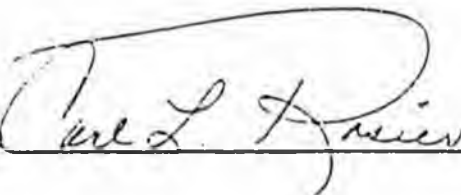
Background/Legislative Intent: This bill would establish a new license fee for bow hunters, over and above the current hunting license fee. The legislation apparently is designed to raise revenue for the purpose of providing additional funding for bow hunting education/safety courses.

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

3/22/93

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1994 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 232

Revision Date: 12/17/93
 Title: An Act relating to a bow hunting tax and bow hunting safety
 Sponsor: Representative Bunde
 Requestor: House Resources

Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: Wildlife Conservation
 Component: Wildlife Conservation
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 0473.0479

Expenditures/Revenues	(Thousands of Dollars)					
	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
OPERATING EXPENDITURES						
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 EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0

FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other (1024 Fish & Game Fund)	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1
TOTAL	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1

Estimate of any current year (FY 94) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY	1	1	1	1	1	1

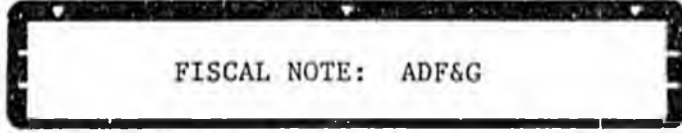
ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached page.

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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 vendor. Compensation to vendors consists of two components: 5.0 (\$1/stamp sold) plus 1.8 (5% of tag fee) from the Fish and Game Fund.

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SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 232 (RES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE

A BILL
FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

4 * Section 1. AS 16.05.110 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 16.05.110. COMPOSITION OF FUND. The fish and game fund shall be
6 made up of the following money and other money the legislature appropriates, which
7 shall be deposited and retained in the fund until expended:

8 (1) money received from the sale of state sport fishing, hunting, and
9 trapping licenses, special permits, bow hunting tags, and waterfowl conservation tags
10 purchased by hunters;

11 (2) proceeds received from the sale of furs, skins, and specimens taken
12 by predator hunters and other employees;

13 (3) money received in settlement of a claim or loss caused by damage
14 to the fish and game resources of the state;

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(4) money received from federal, state, or other governmental unit, or from a private donor for fish and game purposes;

(5) interest earned upon money in the fund;

(6) money from any other source.

* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.340(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(25) Bow hunting tag \$7

A person may not engage in bow hunting in a bow hunting only area or during a bow hunting only season without having the current year's bow hunting tag attached to the person's hunting license and in the person's actual possession, unless that person

(A) qualifies for a \$5 license fee under (6) of this subsection;

(B) is a resident under the age of 16 or over the age of 59;

(C) is a disabled veteran eligible for a free license under

AS 16.05.341.

* Sec. 3. AS 16.55.010 is amended to read:

Sec. 16.55.010. DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT. The Department of Fish and Game shall

(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.

* Sec. 4. AS 16.55.020 is amended to read:

Sec. 16.55.020. POWERS OF DEPARTMENT. In the discharge of its duties under AS 16.55.010, the Department of Fish and Game may

(1) provide, through a departmental coordinator, technical assistance to municipalities, communities, and organizations;

(2) make grants to municipalities and organizations as provided in AS 16.55.030 to

(A) [TO] develop and operate public shooting ranges and facilities; and

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(B) [TO] operate programs involving education and training in
the safe use of firearms and hunting bows.

* Sec. 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 1995.