

HB

266

April 29, 1994

*The Honorable Mike Miller, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182*

Dear Mike,

I have been apprised by Commissioner Rosier of a matter of extreme urgency, the sunseting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) if it is not extended by the passage of CSHB 266. This bill is currently in your committee. It is imperative that this legislation pass this session, and time is of the essence.

The guiding industry currently contributes over \$80 million to Alaska's economy, and nonresident licenses and tags produce over 70 percent of the revenue into the Fish and Game Fund for wildlife management. The Alaska Professional Hunters Association strongly supports CSHB 266 to protect this industry.

Given state and federal subsistence preference laws, regulation by the BGCSB is imperative to protect game resources and to avoid actions by the Board of Game and the Federal Subsistence Board which would preclude nonresident hunting. Such preventable actions have the potential to devastate the guiding industry. The federal agencies would certainly move quickly to fill any void left by sunseting the BGCSB to the detriment of our state.

The Departments of Fish and Game, Commerce and Economic Development, and Law have spent considerable funds to support the BGCSB to date. Alaska now has a broadly supported, well-regulated guiding industry as a result. Progress is being made to make the industry even stronger, but an extension of the board is necessary to finish the job.

I urge you to move CSHB 266 out of Senate Resources as soon as possible.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

S/S WALTER J. HICKEL

*Walter J. Hickel
Governor*

cc: The Honorable Rick Halford

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1
 Bill Version: CSHB 266 (L&C)
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Revision Date: 1/23/94
 Title: An Act relating to Master-Guide Outfitters and
Guide-Outfitters;...
 Sponsor: Rep. Phillips
 Requestor: Rep. Phillips

Department: Commerce and Economic Dev.
 BRU: Occupational Licensing
 Component: Operations

COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 1844

Expenditures/Revenues	(Thousands of Dollars)					
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
CHANGE IN REVENUES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE	(Thousands of Dollars)					
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 General Fund						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY 94) cost: \$ None

POSITIONS	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00
FULL-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PART-TIME	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TEMPORARY	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

HB 266 extends the Big Game Commercial Services Board to June 30, 1995, reinstates the Master Guide license category, and strengthens entry requirements for a guide-outfitter license. New funds are not required to implement provisions of this bill.

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