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# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**BILL NO. CSSB 250(FIN)am**

Revision Date (Note if correction) 4/23/98 Dept. Affected: Fish and Game  
 Title Management of Game BRU Wildlife Conservation  
 Component Wildlife Conservation  
 Sponsor Senator Sharp  
 Requester House Finance Committee Component Serial No. 473

**Expenditures/Revenues**

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services	..	..	..	..	..	..
Travel	..	..	..	..	..	..
Contractual	..	..	..	..	..	..
Supplies	..	..	..	..	..	..
Equipment	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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**FUND SOURCE**

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other -- F&G Fund (1024)	..	..	..	..	..	..
<b>TOTAL</b>	..	..	..	..	..	..

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: 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

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

\*\*Fiscal impact is impossible to calculate without knowing what "regulations, management plans, and other management programs" the Board of Game may require the department to implement. However, significant reprogramming of Division funds may be required to carry out board actions.

Prepared by Wayne Regelin, Director *WR*  
 Division Wildlife Conservation  
 Approved by Commissioner Frank Rous  
 Agency Alaska Department of Fish and Game

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 Date 4/23/98  
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Please oppose SB 250

Thank You

*Marlo Shedlock*  
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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: April 14, 1998

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/27/98

The FINANCE Committee considered:

CSSB 250(FIN) am

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 250(FIN) am

MANAGEMENT OF GAME

"An Act relating to management of game, to the fish and game fund and federal aid for restoration of wildlife and fish, and to the duties of the commissioner of fish and game."

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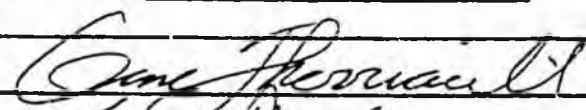

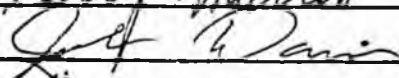
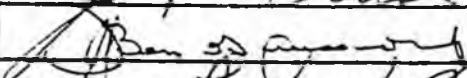



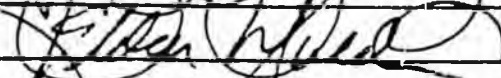
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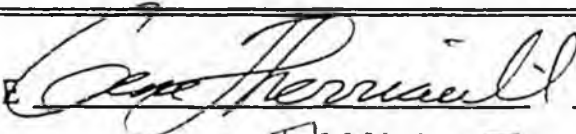
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## Senate Finance Committee

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### SPONSOR STATEMENT

### PROPOSED HCS-CSSB - 250(FIN)

BY: SENATOR BERT SHARP

In 1994, the Eighteenth Alaska State Legislature passed Senate Bill 77, legislation implementing intensive game management. Since that time, the Department of Fish and Game and The Board of Game have had difficulty interpreting and implementing this legislation.

Senate Bill 250, narrows down and defines legislative findings that provides for high levels of harvest for human consumption consistent with the sustained yield principle. It further states big game prey populations should be managed biologically. This is accomplished by amending AS 16.05.255(g) and adding a new definition for sustained yield.

The Board of Game is further instructed to establish harvest goal and seasons for managing big game prey populations to achieve a high level of human harvest.

To further assist the Board and the department, the bill contains definitions for harvestable surplus and high levels of human harvest. These are terms that are in existing law and it has become evident they beg for clear definition.

The board of Game had definitions proposed for these categories on their agenda at the January meeting in Bethel and at their March meeting in Fairbanks without coming to any conclusions. The department as well as the Board believes there is a need for definitions in these areas.

The department believes the revised definitions in this CS are reasonable and workable.

I believe this CS is a product of working closely with the users of the game resources and the department to achieve a truly effective piece of legislation and I urge its adoption. Thank you.



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### SECTIONAL ANALYSES

#### PROPOSED HCS-CSSB-250(Fin)

**BY: SENATOR BERT SHARP**

**Section 1.** Defines Legislative Findings which **states** that big game populations should be biologically managed for abundance.

**Section 2.** Amends AS 16.05.050 by adding a new subsection (b).

**Section 3.** Amends AS 16.05.110 to assure that the state complies with the requirements of the federal aids act for restoration of wildlife and fish.

**Section 4.** Amends the definition of "intensive management" to include for sustained yield through active management measures.

**Section 5.** Amends AS 16.05.255(g) is to add new definition (5) "sustained yield".

**Section 6.** Amends AS 16.05.270 to add new subsection (h) requiring the Board of Game to establish population and harvest goals and seasons for managing big game prey populations to achieve a high level of human harvest.

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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 250( )  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:  
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATORS SHARP, Taylor, Wilken

BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to management of game, to the fish and game fund and  
2 federal aid for restoration of wildlife and fish, and to the duties of the  
3 commissioner of fish and game."

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

5 \* Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS. The legislature finds that providing for high  
6 levels of harvest for human consumptive use, consistent with the sustained yield principle, is  
7 the highest and best use of big game prey populations in most areas of the state and that big  
8 game prey populations should be biologically managed for abundance.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 16.05.050 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (b) The commissioner shall annually submit a report to the Board of Game  
11 regarding the department's implementation during the preceding three years of intensive  
12 management programs that have been established by the board under AS 16.05.255 for  
13 identified big game prey populations.

14 \* Sec. 3. AS 16.05.110 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

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(b) Except for money received as fisheries fines or forfeitures in settlement of a claim or loss caused by damage to the fish resources of the state that is appropriated to or through the division of commercial fisheries management and development, appropriations of money from the fish and game fund and of money received by the state under the federal aid acts described under AS 16.05.140 shall be made to the division of ~~game~~ or the division of sport fish. The division of ~~game~~ or the division of sport fish may use money appropriated under this subsection to acquire administrative and other services from other agencies if the division acquires the services through reimbursable services agreements. The division of ~~game~~ and the division of sport fish shall include as part of their budgets prepared under AS 37.07.050

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- (1) a listing of the reimbursable services agreements that are to be funded with money appropriated under this subsection;
- (2) a description of the services to be provided under those agreements;
- and
- (3) a listing of the entities that are parties to those agreements.

\* Sec. 4. AS 16.05.255(g)(2) is amended to read:

(2) "intensive management" means management of an identified big game prey population <sup>enhanced consistent with</sup> for sustained yield through active management measures to enhance, extend, and develop the population to maintain high levels or provide for higher levels of human harvest, including control of predation and prescribed or planned use of fire and other habitat improvement techniques.

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\* Sec. 5. AS 16.05.255(g) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

(3) "harvestable surplus" means the number of animals that is estimated to equal the number of offspring born in a game population during a year less the number of animals required for recruitment for population maintenance and enhancement, when necessary, and the number of animals in the population that die from all causes, other than predation or human harvest, during that year;

(4) "high level of human harvest" means the allocation of a sufficient portion of the harvestable surplus of a game population to achieve a high probability of success for human harvest of the game population based on biological capabilities

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of the population and considering hunter demand;

(5) "sustained yield" means the achievement and maintenance in perpetuity of the ability to support a high level of human harvest of game, subject to preferences among beneficial uses, on an annual or periodic basis.

\* Sec. 6. AS 16.05.255 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(h) The Board of Game shall establish population and harvest goals and seasons for intensive management of identified big game prey populations to achieve a high level of human harvest.

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July 1st, 1999

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# ALASKA WILDLAND ADVENTURES

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April 22, 1998

To the House Finance Committee,

Alaska Wildland Adventures has operated backcountry lodges, natural history, rafting, and fishing trips for twenty-two years on the Kenai Peninsula and in the Kantishna region of Denali National Park. Our goal is for our guests to actively experience Alaska in the spirit of appreciation, participation, and sensitivity toward the land, and its inhabitants. In all of our activities, we strive to provide high-quality natural and cultural history interpretation of the areas we visit and the flora and fauna that we observe.

The tourism industry is dependent upon the preservation of Alaska's wilderness character, scenic viewsheds, fish and wildlife populations, and their critical habitat. Our industry ultimately depends upon these qualities to attract clients. HB 284 could have serious negative impacts on Alaska's tourism industry.

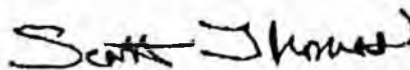
Alaska Wildland Adventures believes that it is appropriate to manage forests in response to the Spruce Bark Beetle outbreak to guard against catastrophic wildfire and protect private property. Alaska Wildland Adventures also acknowledges that there are situations where it may be best to allow the forest ecosystems to recover naturally. We have been operating Kenai River rafting and fishing trips and hiking trips in areas seriously effected by the Spruce Bark Beetle for the last 10-15 years. Specifically, our guests appreciate natural ecosystems at work more than they do clearcuts and logging roads. For our form of tourism, a natural recovery, or management strategies that mimic natural disturbance of forest ecosystems has more economic value than aggressive treatment. Local, sustainable, value-added timber harvesting is preferable to extensive, large-scale logging operations that are not ecologically or economically sustainable over the long-term.

Without environmental safeguards in place for timber sales less than 200 acres, fish and wildlife populations could suffer. It is within the state's best interest to protect fish and wildlife habitat. Residents and visitors alike depend upon Alaska's fish and wildlife resources for consumptive and non-consumptive uses.

This bill could also undermine the efforts underway through the Bark Beetle Task Force. The task force encompasses federal and state agency representatives and others from many different interest groups. HB 284 potentially undermines the efforts of the task force.

Please oppose HB 284.

Sincerely,



Scott Thomas  
Program Director

cc: Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association  
Governor Tony Knowles  
Alaska Conservation Alliance



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