

HB

182

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(9)

Date Referred to Committee: March 7, 1997

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 2/12/98

The RESOURCES Committee considered:

HB 182

HOUSE BILL NO. 182

SEPARATE SEGREGATED FUNDS: POLIT. CONTRIB

"An Act relating to the qualifications of the state forester."

recommends it be replaced
with the following committee substitute

CSHB182 (RES)

the same title
 a new title

additional referral to _____ Committee
 attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): _____ (Dept)

APPROVES PREVIOUS: _____ (Dept/Date)

fiscal note(s) _____

fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Fred Dixon</i> <i>DIXON</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>W.K. Williams</i> <i>WILLIAMS</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Tamara H. Baruss</i> <i>BARUSS</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Emily Maxwell</i> <i>MAXWELL</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Scott Gern</i> <i>GERN</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<i>Bill Hudson</i> <i>Hudson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Bill Hudson*

Scott Gern

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 182

Revision Date: _____ Dept Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: An Act Relating to the qualifications BRU: Resource Development
of the State Forester Component: Forest Mgmt & Development
 Sponsor: Representative Williams
 Requestor: House Finance Component Serial No. #435

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY99	FY00	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04
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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES (fund code)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: \$ none

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)

There is no anticipated fiscal impact associated with implementation of this legislation.

Prepared by: Jeff Jahnke, State Forester *Jeff Jahnke* Phone: 465-3379
 Division: Forestry Date: 11-Feb-98
 Approved by Commissioner: *John Sluiter* Date: 2-11-98
 Agency: Natural Resources

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Memorandum

To: Representative Bill Hudson
Co-Chairman, House Committee on Resources
From: Representative William K. Williams
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation
Re: Hearing request for HB 182
Date: January 28, 1998

Please schedule House Bill 182, "An act relating to the qualifications of the State forester.", as soon as possible.

The legislation will strengthen the position of state forester and ensure input from the fire chief's association during the hiring of the state forester.

This bill, like you and I, is a good one.

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Sponsor Statement

House Bill 182

“An act relating to the qualifications of the State forester.”

This bill would require the state forester (director of the Division of Forestry) to be a professional forester as recognized by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and have three years of field experience in forestry. It would also require the Board of Forestry to consider the recommendations of the state Fire Chief's Association while compiling a list of candidates to be forwarded to the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

A “forester” is a specialist in forestry. A person who has completed a college program that has accreditation from the SAF is a recognized specialist. The SAF analyzes and critiques academic programs in universities across the country for standards for curriculum, faculty, students, administration, physical resources and facilities. “Forestry”, as defined under the SAF accreditation procedures, is fairly broad including forest economics, silviculture, timber management, forest hydrology, and a host of other sub-disciplines. Under the current statute there are no forestry qualifications required to head the state division of forestry. Considering the statutory defined responsibilities of the division the lack of required forestry qualifications is alarming.

The state forester is charged with fire suppression on state land. In fact over half of the forester's job is related to fire suppression. Because of this fact it is logical that the Fire Chief's Association should have some input in the selection process of the state forester. While the legislation does not bind the Board of Forestry to act on any particular recommendation it does allow the Chief's to have some input during the hiring process.

0-LS0627B
 Luckhaupt
 2/10/98

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 182()
 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
 TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
 Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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 6 from a list of two or more candidates submitted by the board. The commissioner
 7 shall solicit and consider recommendations of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association
 8 or successor organization when reviewing the candidates submitted by the board.
 9 The commissioner may reject all candidates, in which case the board shall submit a
 10 new list. The state forester shall have

11 (1) a bachelor's or higher degree in a forestry-related program that
 12 is accredited by the Society of American Foresters; and

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3 FROM THEM].

DRAFT

Memorandum

WARRIOR
LS *Draft*
Longman
FYI

To: Jerry Luckhaupt, Legislative Legal Services
From: Representative Bill Williams/Kyle
Date: February 10, 1998
Re: HB 182 (0-LS0627\E)

Please draft the following changes to the above referenced document.

1) Page 1, Line 6 after "board." Delete:

In selecting candidates for submission to the commissioner, the board shall solicit and consider recommendations of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association or successor organization.

Insert:

The commissioner shall solicit and consider recommendations of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association or successor organization when reviewing the candidates forwarded by the board.

2) Page 1, Line 11 delete:

(1) a bachelor's or higher degree in forestry from an educational institution accredited by the Society of American Foresters;
and

Add:

(1) A bachelor's degree or higher in a forestry related program that is accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

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Memorandum

To: Members, House Resources Committee
From: Representative Bill Williams *Bill Williams*
Date: February 10, 1998
Re: CS to HB 182

Fellow House Resources member:

The following is a brief description of the changes between HB 182 and the committee substitute that will be adopted as the working document during committee on Thursday, February 12, 1998.

Change 1: The input of the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association has been moved from the candidates reviewed by the board to the list the board forwards to the commissioner.

Rationale: The chiefs are content with reviewing the "short list" that the board of forestry sends to the commissioner of Natural Resources rather than review the usual 20 or 30 applications the board receives.

Change 2: The requirement that the candidate must have a bachelor's degree or higher in forestry from an institute accredited by the Society of American Foresters has been changed to include forestry related degrees from programs accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

Rationale: This broadens the field of potential candidates.

If you have any questions, please contact Kyle at 6576.

HB 182

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O-LS0627\E



HOUSE BILL NO. 182

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

Introduced: 3/7/97

Referred: Resources

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institution accredited by the Society of American

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 182(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered:

Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAMS

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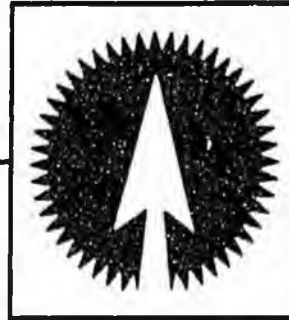
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Alaska Forest Association, Inc.



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KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901-6599
Phone 907-225-6114
FAX 907-225-5920

January 23, 1998

The Honorable Bill Williams
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Williams: *Bill*

The Alaska Forest Association wishes to be on record in support of House Bill 182, "An Act relating to the qualifications of the state forester." The legislation requires the director of the division of forestry to be a professional forester, a concept which the AFA heartily endorses. The bill also gives the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association a role in the process of selecting the state forester. This is important to that organization, and AFA supports the fire chiefs' position.

The Division of Forestry is a professional division of state government with a specific mission in the field of forestry. It is principally staffed with professional foresters - men and women trained and working in the broad field of forestry. As with the USDA Forest Service, its focus can be affected by the experience and training of its leadership. Just as you would expect the head of the state's revenue division to be trained and experienced in accounting, it is reasonable to expect the state forester to be trained and experienced in forestry.

AFA believes that the focus of the division should be on forestry and that it should be managed by a qualified and experienced manager who is himself a professional forester. It should be noted that "forestry" as defined and encompassed by college programs under the SAF certification procedures is fairly broad. It includes forest economics, silviculture, timber management, forest hydrology and a host of other sub-disciplines.

Thank you for introducing this legislation. We urge its speedy passage.

Sincerely,

Jack Phelps
Executive Director

House Bill 182

Back-up Information

- A) Statutory establishment and responsibilities of the division of forestry.**
- B) Society of American Foresters certification program explanation**
- C) List of forestry schools with SAF accreditation**
- D) List of accredited programs (by school)**

Sec. 41.17.020. Division of forestry established. (a) The governor may establish, within the department, a division of forestry to carry out this chapter and other appropriate duties designated by the governor.

(b) The division shall be headed by a director who shall be the state forester, appointed to the partially exempt service in accordance with law by the commissioner, from a list of two or more candidates submitted by the board. The commissioner may reject all candidates, in which case the board shall submit a new list. The state forester shall be a natural resources land manager with generally accepted educational credentials, familiar and experienced with the renewable and nonrenewable resources and the values of forest land and the products, benefits, and services obtained from them.

(c) The commissioner shall administer this chapter and is authorized and encouraged to delegate responsibilities for carrying out this chapter to the state forester. (§ 1 ch 108 SLA 1978; am § 42 ch 113 SLA 1981; am § 5 ch 91 SLA 1983)

Revisor's notes. — In 1983, this section was reorganized into present subsections (a)-(c) and two other sections. Present (b) was formerly part of (a) and present (c) was formerly designated (b). Former subsections (d)-(k) were renumbered as AS 41.17.020(a)-(g) and former subsection (j) was renumbered as AS 41.17.900(d).

Opinions of attorney general. — The allocation

of responsibility for administration of the forest practices regulations in coastal management consistency determinations is sufficiently unclear that it seems appropriate for resolution by the adoption of regulations since differing policy considerations emphasized in the Forest Practices Act, the Coastal Management Act, and proposed permit reform regulations will be served to a greater or lesser extent by assigning

responsibility for interpreting and applying the forest practices regulations to more than one agency and since a particular result is not compelled under the various pieces of authorizing legislation. April 20, 1981 Op. Att'y Gen.

The adoption of forest practices regulations by the

Department of Natural Resources in 11 AAC 95 has completely preempted the coastal policy council's regulations, 6 AAC 80.100, in regulating timber harvest and processing in the coastal area. April 20, 1981 Op. Att'y Gen.

Sec. 41.17.030. Responsibilities of division. (a) The division shall manage state forests and, as directed by the commissioner, provide technical advice to the division of lands on sound forest practices necessary to ensure the continuous growing and harvesting of commercial forest species on other state land.

(b) The division shall regulate operations on private forest land as authorized by the provisions of this chapter or state law.

(c) The division shall provide public information and assistance regarding forest practices and timber management generally. (§ 1 ch 108 SLA 1978)

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Forestry Schools with SAF Accreditation

The Society of American Foresters grants accreditation only to specific educational curricula that lead to a first professional degree in forestry at the bachelor's or master's level. The institutions named below have requested SAF accreditation and offer curricula that have been found to meet minimum standards for objectives, curriculum, faculty, students, administration, parent institution support, and physical resources and facilities.

Institutions certifying that their forestry curricula meet SAF standards and are progressing toward accreditation may apply as candidate programs.

The first year shown in each entry indicates the year initial accredited or candidate status was granted; the second year indicates the year the last on-site review was completed; and the third year indicates the year current accreditation expires. Not all forestry curricula within a degree are SAF-accredited. Contact either the institution or SAF for specific accredited curricula.

The SAF accreditation process is recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. For further information contact the Department of Science and Education, Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2198 (301) 897-8720, ext. 122.

Institutions with SAF-Accredited Curricula (48)

Alabama

Auburn University, School of Forestry, Auburn 36849.

1950. 1993. 1998. .

Alaska

University of Alaska, Department of Forest Sciences, Fairbanks 99775.

1996. 1996. 2001.

Arizona

Northern Arizona University, School of Forestry, Flagstaff 86011.

1968. 1992. 1997.

Arkansas

University of Arkansas at Monticello, School of Forest Resources, Monticello 71655.

1984. 1989. 1999.

California

C

California Polytechnic State University, Natural Resources Management Department, San Luis Obispo 93407.

1994. 1994. 1999.

University of California, College of Natural Resources, Berkeley 94720.

1935. 1993. 1998.

Humboldt State University, Department of Forestry, Arcata 95521.

1979. 1992. 1997.

Colorado

Colorado State University, College of Natural Resources, Fort Collins 80523.

1939. 1990. 2000.

Connecticut

Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven 06511.

1935. 1993. 1998.

Florida

University of Florida, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, Gainesville 32611.

1942. 1994. 1999.

Georgia

University of Georgia, School of Forest Resources, Athens 30602.

1938. 1991. 1996.

Idaho

University of Idaho, College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences, Moscow 83843.

1935. 1994. 1999.

Illinois

University of Illinois, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, Urbana 61801.

1963. 1993. 1998.

Southern Illinois University, Department of Forestry, Carbondale 62901.

1975. 1990. 2000.

Indiana

Purdue University, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, West Lafayette 47907.

1942. 1991. 1996.

Iowa

Iowa State University, Department of Forestry, Ames 50011.

1935. 1991. 2001.

Kentucky

University of Kentucky, Department of Forestry, Lexington 40546.

1974. 1989. 1999.

Louisiana

Louisiana State University, School of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Baton Rouge 70803.

1937. 1994. 1999.

Louisiana Tech University, School of Forestry, Ruston 71272.

1984. 1989. 1999.

Maine

University of Maine, College of Natural Resources, Forestry and Agriculture, Orono 04469.

1937. 1993. 1998.

Massachusetts

University of Massachusetts, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Amherst 01003.

1950. 1988. 1999.

Michigan

Michigan State University, Department of Forestry, East Lansing 48824.

1935. 1995. 2000.

Michigan Technological University, School of Forestry and Wood Products, Houghton 49931.

1968. 1994. 1999.

University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources and Environment, Ann Arbor 48109.

1935. 1991. 1997.

Minnesota

University of Minnesota, College of Natural Resources, St. Paul 55108.

1935. 1996. 2001.

Mississippi

Mississippi State University, School of Forest Resources, Mississippi State 39762.

1966. 1987. 1997.

Missouri

University of Missouri, School of Natural Resources, Columbia 65211.

1950. 1996. 2001.

Montana

University of Montana, School of Forestry, Missoula 59812.

1935. 1989. 1999.

New Hampshire

University of New Hampshire, Department of Natural Resources, Durham 03824.

1959. 1988. 1998.

New York

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Faculty of Forestry, Syracuse 13210.

1935. 1992. 1997.

North Carolina

Duke University, School of the Environment, Durham 27706.

1939. 1987. 1997.

North Carolina State University, College of Forest Resources, Raleigh 27695.

1937. 1994. 1999.

Ohio

The Ohio State University, Faculty of Forestry, Columbus 43210.

1993. 1993. 1998.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State University, Department of Forestry, Stillwater 74078.

1971. 1996. 2001.

Oregon

Oregon State University, College of Forestry, Corvallis 97331.

1935. 1990. 2000.

Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania State University, School of Forest Resources, University Park 16802.

1935. 1992. 1997.

South Carolina

Clemson University, Department of Forest Resources, Clemson 29631.

1962. 1992. 1997.

Tennessee

University of Tennessee, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, Knoxville 37901.

1969. 1996. 2001.

Texas

Stephen F. Austin State University, College of Forestry, Nacogdoches 75962.

1965. 1990. 2000.

Texas A&M University, Department of Forest Science, College Station 77843.

1975. 1992. 1997.

Utah

Utah State University, College of Natural Resources, Logan 84322.

1937. 1988. 1998.

Vermont

University of Vermont, School of Natural Resources, Burlington 05405.

1971. 1992. 1997.

Virginia

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, College of Forestry and Wildlife Resources,
Blacksburg 24061.

1965. 1995. 2000.

Washington

Washington State University, Department of Natural Resource Sciences, Pullman 99164.

1965. 1991. 2001.

University of Washington, College of Forest Resources, Seattle 98195.

1935. 1995. 2000.

West Virginia

West Virginia University, Division of Forestry, PO Box 6125, Morgantown 26506.

1947. 1989. 1999.

Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin, Madison, School of Natural Resources, Madison 53706.

1971. 1986. 1997.

University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources, Stevens Point 54481.

1976. 1991. 2001.



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Company: SAF
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USA E-mail: smithg@safnet.org
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Message:

Current SAF accredited programs, as discussed.

Call with any other questions.

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Institutions with SAF Accredited Programs - 1998 page 1

University of Alaska
 Dr. John D. Fox
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 328 O'Neill Bldg.
 University of Alaska
 Fairbanks, AK 99775
 Forestry Option leading to the B.S.
 degree

Auburn University
 Dr. Emmett F. Thompson
 Dean, School of Forestry
 Auburn University
 108 M. White Smith Hall
 Auburn University, AL 36849-5418
 Forest Resources, Forestry Operations,
 and Forest Engineering (Forest Resource
 Minor) majors leading to the B.S. degree

Northern Arizona University
 Dr. David R. Patton
 Dean, College of Ecosystem Science and
 Management
 Northern Arizona University
 Box 15018
 Flagstaff, AZ 86011
 Forestry major leading to the B.S. degree

University of Arkansas
 Dr. B. G. Blackmon
 Dean, School of Forest Resources
 University of Arkansas
 P.O. Box 3468
 Monticello, AR 71655
 Forestry curriculum leading to the B.S. in
 Forestry (BSF) degree

University of California-Berkeley
 Dr. J. Keith Gilles
 Associate Dean for Forestry
 College of Natural Resources
 University of California-Berkeley
 145 Mulford Hall
 Berkeley, CA 94720
 B.S. degree in Forestry

California Polytechnic State University
 Dr. Norman H. Pillsbury
 Head, Natural Resources Management
 Department
 California Polytechnic State University
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 Forestry and Natural Resources major
 with concentrations in Environmental
 Management; Forest Resource
 Management; Urban Forestry; Watershed,
 Chaparral, and Fire Management; and
 Parks and Forest Recreation leading to the
 B.S. in Forestry and Natural Resources
 degree

Humboldt State University
 Dr. Larry Fox
 Chair, Department of Forestry
 Humboldt State University
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 Forest Resources Management, Forest
 Resources Conservation, and Forest
 Production Management majors leading
 to the B.S. degree

Colorado State University
 Dr. Al Dyer
 Dean, College of Natural Resources
 Colorado State University
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 Natural Resource Management major,
 and the following concentrations within
 the Forestry major: Forest Biology Forest
 Fire Science, and Forest Management
 leading to the B.S. degree

Yale University
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 Environmental Studies
 Yale University
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 New Haven, CT 06511
 Forestry major (two-year option) leading
 to the Master of Forestry (MF) degree

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University of Florida
 Dr. Wayne H. Smith
 Director, School of Forest Resources
 and Conservation
 University of Florida
 118 Newins-Ziegler Hall
 P.O. Box 110410
 Gainesville, FL 32611-0410
 Forestry major leading to the B.S. in
 Forest Resources and Conservation
 (BSFRC) degree

University of Georgia
 Dr. Arnett C. Mace, Jr.
 Dean, School of Forest Resources
 University of Georgia
 Forest Resources Bldg., Room 2-229
 Athens, GA 30602-2152
 Forestry, Wildlife, and Forest
 Environmental Resources (with Areas of
 Emphasis in Environmental Resources
 Assessment, Hydrology and
 Environmental Systems, and Soil and
 Water Resources) curricula leading to the
 Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources
 degree

University of Idaho
 Dr. Charles R. Hatch
 Dean, College of Forestry, Wildlife
 and Range Sciences
 University of Idaho
 Moscow, ID 83844-1138
 Forest Resources major with options in
 Administration; Ecosystem Management;
 Production, and; Science, leading to the
 B.S. in Forest Resources (BSFR) degree

University of Illinois
 Dr. Gary L. Rolfe
 Head, Department of Natural Resources
 and Environmental Sciences
 University of Illinois
 West 503 Turner Hall
 Urbana, IL 61801
 Forest Science option leading to the B.S.
 in Forestry (BSF) degree

Southern Illinois University
 Dr. John E. Phelps
 Chair, Department of Forestry
 Southern Illinois University
 Mail code 4411
 Carbondale, IL 62901
 Forest Resources Management, and
 Outdoor Recreation Resource
 Management majors leading to the B.S.
 degree

Purdue University
 Dr. Dennis C. LeMaster
 Head, Department of Forestry and Natural
 Resources
 Purdue University
 1159 Forestry Bldg.
 W. Lafayette, IN 47907-1159
 Forestry major leading to the B.S. in
 Forestry (BSF) degree

Iowa State University
 Dr. Michael Kelly
 Chair, Department of Forestry
 Iowa State University
 251 Bessey Hall
 Ames, IA 50011
 Forest Products and Forest Resource
 Management majors leading to the B.S. in
 Forestry (BSF) degree

University of Kentucky
 Dr. Robert N. Muller
 Chair, Department of Forestry
 University of Kentucky
 205 Thomas Poe Cooper Bldg.
 Lexington, KY 40546-0073
 Forestry curriculum leading to the B.S. in
 Forestry degree

Louisiana State University
 Dr. Stanley B. Carpenter
 Director, School of Forestry, Wildlife and
 Fisheries
 Louisiana State University,
 227 FWF Building
 Baton Rouge, LA 70803-6200

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Forest Management major leading to the
B.S. in Forestry degree

Louisiana Tech University

Dr. G. H. Weaver
Director, School of Forestry
Louisiana Tech University
Box 10138, Tech Station
Ruston, LA 71272
Forestry major leading to the B.S. degree

University of Maine

Dr. G. Bruce Wiersma
Dean, College of Natural Resources,
Forestry and Agriculture
University of Maine
5782 Winslow Hall
Orono, ME 04469
Concentrations in Forest Management,
Timber Utilization, Forest Biology, Forest
Recreation, Urban Forestry, Forest
Business Administration, Remote
Sensing/GIS, Forest Engineering, and the
dual degree in Forestry and Wildlife
Management leading to the B.S. degree in
forestry; the Master of Forestry degree

University of Massachusetts

Dr. William McComb
Head, Department of Forestry and
Wildlife Management
University of Massachusetts
Holdsworth Natural Resources Center
Box 34210
Amherst, MA 01003-4210
Forest Conservation option leading to the
B.S. in Forestry (BSF) degree

Michigan State University

Dr. Daniel E. Keathley
Chair, Department of Forestry
Michigan State University
126 Natural Resources
East Lansing, MI 48824-1222
Professional Forestry major leading to the
B.S. degree

Michigan Tech University

Dr. W. E. Frayer
Dean, School of Forestry and
Wood Products
Michigan Technological University
1400 Townsend Drive
Houghton, MI 49931
Forestry major leading to the B.S. degree

University of Michigan

Dr. Daniel A. Mazmanian
Dean, School of Natural Resources &
Environment
The University of Michigan
3516 Dana Building - 430 E. University
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1115

Forestry major leading to the Master of
Forestry (MF) degree

University of Minnesota

Dr. Al Sullivan
Dean, College of Natural Resources
University of Minnesota
235 Natural Resources Admin. Building
2003 Upper Buford Circle
St. Paul, MN 55108-1030
Forest Resources and Urban Forestry
majors leading to the B.S. degree

Mississippi State University

Dr. John E. Gunter
Dean, College of Forest Resources
Mississippi State University
P.O. Box 9680
Mississippi State, MS 39762-9680
Forest Management, Wildlife
Management, and Environmental
Conservation options of the Forestry
major leading to the B.S. degree

University of Missouri

Dr. Albert R. Vogt
Director, The
School of Natural Resources
University of Missouri
130 Agriculture Building

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Columbia, MO 65211
Forest Resource Management option
leading to the B.S. in Forestry (BSF)
degree

University of Montana
Dr. Perry Brown
Dean, School of Forestry
University of Montana
Missoula, MT 59812
Forest Resources Management major
leading to the B.S. in Forestry (BSF)
degree

University of New Hampshire
Dr. Theodore E. Howard
Chair, Department of Natural Resources
University of New Hampshire
215 James Hall
Durham, NH 03824-3589
Forestry major with options in Forest
Management and Forest Science leading
to the B.S. in Forestry (BSF) degree

State University of New York-ESF
Dr. William R. Bentley
Chair, Faculty of Forestry
SUNY College of Environmental Science
and Forestry
320 Bray Hall
1 Forestry Drive
Syracuse NY 13210
Forestry, Recreation Resources
Management, Wood Products, and the
Dual Program in Environmental Forest
Biology/Forestry options of the Forest
Resources Management major leading to
the B.S. degree

Duke University
Dr. Norman L. Christensen
Dean, School of the Environment
Duke University
Box 90329
Durham, NC 27708-0329
Forest Resource Management leading to
the Master of Forestry (MF) degree

North Carolina State University
Dr. Frederick W. Cabbage
Head, Department of Forestry
College of Forest Resources
North Carolina State University
3119 Jordan Hall
Raleigh, NC 27695-8008
Forest Management major leading to the
B.S. in Forestry (BSF) degree

The Ohio State University
Dr. Frederick P. Miller Director, School
of Natural Resources
The Ohio State University
2021 Coffey Road
Columbus, OH 43210
Forestry major leading to the B.S. degree

Oklahoma State University
Dr. Edwin Miller
Head, Department of Forestry
Oklahoma State University
008C Agriculture Hall
Stillwater, OK 74078
Forestry major leading to the B.S. in
Agricultural Sciences and Natural
Resources degree

Oregon State University
Dr. George Brown
Dean, College of Forestry
Oregon State University
154 Peavy Hall
Corvallis, OR 97331-5704
Forest Engineering, Forest Engineering-
Civil Engineering (dual-degree), Forest
Management, and Forest Recreation
Resources majors leading to the B.S.
degree, and Track 2 of the Forest
Resources and Silviculture majors leading
to the Master of Forestry (MF) degree

The Pennsylvania State University
Dr. Larry A. Nielsen
Director, School of Forest Resources
Penn State University
113 Ferguson Building

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University Park, PA 16802-4300
Forest Management and Forest Biology
options of the Forest Science major
leading to the B.S. in Forest Science
degree

Clemson University
Dr. Thomas Wooten
Chair, Department of Forest Resources
Clemson University
130 Lehotsky Hall
Clemson, SC 29634
Forest Resource Management major
leading to the B.S. degree

University of Tennessee
Dr. George Hopper
Head, Department of Forestry, Wildlife
and Fisheries
University of Tennessee
P. O. Box 1071
Knoxville, TN 37901-1071
Forest Resources Management, and
Wildland Recreation concentrations
leading to the B.S. in Forestry (BSF)
degree

Stephen F. Austin State University
Dr. R. Scott Beasley
Dean, College of Forestry
Stephen F. Austin State University
P. O. Box 6109, SFA Station
Nacogdoches, TX 75962-6109
Forestry, Forest Management, Forest
Wildlife Management, and Forest
Recreation Management options in the
Forestry major leading to the B.S. in
Forestry (BSF) degree

Texas A & M University
Dr. Robert Merrifield
Interim Head, Department of Forest
Science
Texas A&M University
Horticulture/Forest Science Bldg.
College Station, TX 77843-2135

Forest Management option of the
Forestry major leading to the B.S. degree

Utah State University
Dr. Terry L. Sharik
Head, Department of Forest Resources
Utah State University
5215 University Blvd.
Logan, UT 84322-5215

Forestry major with options in Computer
Forestry, Forest Recreation, Forest
Biology, Forest Watershed, Forest
Management, Resource Policy, Urban
Forestry, and the Minor option, and
Recreation Resource Management majors
leading to the B.S. degree. Forestry major
leading to the Master of Forestry (MF)
degree

University of Vermont
Dr. Lawrence K. Forcier, Dean, School of
Natural Resources
University of Vermont
330 Aiken Center
Burlington, VT 05405-0088
Forest Resources Management major
leading to the B.S. degree

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University
Dr. Gregory N. Brown, Dean, College of
Forestry and Wildlife Resources
Virginia PolyTech & State University
324 Cheatham Hall
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0324
Forest Management, Forestry Operations,
Natural Resource Recreation,
Environmental Resources Management
options leading to the B.S. in Forestry and
Wildlife Resources degree

Washington State University
Dr. Edward J. Deput
Chair, Department of Natural Resource
Sciences
Washington State University

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Pullman, WA 99164-6410
Forest Management, Forest Business,
Wildlife Habitat Management, and
Directed Studies options in the Natural
Resource Management (Forestry) major
leading to the B.S. degree

Forest Management, Forest
Administration, Urban Forestry, and
Forest Recreation majors leading to the
B.S. degree

University of Washington
Dr. Dale W. Cole
Acting Dean, College of Forest Resources
University of Washington 107 Anderson
Hall, AR-10
Seattle, WA 98195
Forest Management leading to the B.S.
degree

West Virginia University
Dr. James P. Armstrong
Director, Division of Forestry
West Virginia University
P. O. Box 6125
Morgantown, WV 26506
Forest Resource Management curriculum
leading to the B.S. in Forestry (BSF)
degree

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dr. Ronald L. Giese
Chair, Department of Forest Ecology and
Management
University of Wisconsin
120 Russell Laboratory
1630 Linden Drive
Madison, WI 53706-1598
Public Forestry, Industrial Forestry, and
the BS./MS options in the Forest Science
major leading to the B.S. degree. Forest
Sciences curriculum leading to the BS-
International Agriculture and Natural
Resources degree.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Dr. Alan Haney
Dean, College of Natural Resources
University of Wisconsin
Stevens Point, WI 54481



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Representative Bill Williams
State Capital
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Williams:

The Alaska Society of American Foresters believes, consistent with the national Society's position relative to federal natural resource management agencies, that Alaska's state resource management agencies should be lead by professionals pertinent to the agencies' responsibilities.

As regards the Division of Forestry, we believe the State's best interests in behalf of professional scientific management of the State's forest resources, are best served by a professional forester. Requirements for professional membership in the Society of American Foresters (SAF) should serve as a working definition for this purpose. They follow:

- a. Must be a graduate of an SAF accredited forestry curriculum or of a candidate curriculum for accreditation or,
- b. be a recipient of a graduate degree in forestry from an institution that has an SAF accredited forestry curriculum or one that is a candidate for accreditation or,
- c. be a scientist or practitioner who holds a bachelor's or higher degree within the broad field of forestry based on a curriculum that is neither SAF accredited nor a candidate for accreditation and who has three or more years of qualifying experience within the broad field of forestry.

The characteristics of natural resources are such that their most effective management should not be subject to frequent leadership and personnel turnover and policy shifts that preclude continuity.

We support House Bill 182 to the extent that it would require a professional forester to fill the position of Director of the Division of Forestry, Department of Natural Resources, also called the State Forester.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important legislation. We are available to provide additional help in any way we can and to answer any questions you or members of the Committee may have.

Sincerely,



for John C. Sherrod, Chairman
Alaska Society of American Foresters