

SB

250

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/21/98

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 2/5/98
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 2/11/98

Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 250

"An Act relating to management of game and to the duties of the commissioner of fish and game."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to the _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
 same title
 new title
House Bill:
 same title
 technical title
 new: SCR# _____

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Miss Taylor</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Amendment should be done in Res - not Fin</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Aren D. Lewis</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<i>Lynne Green</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
CHAIR: <i>Keith Halford</i>		CHAIR:			

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department Date Zero Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
<i>Fish-Wildlife Cons.</i>	<i>2/11</i>		<i>X</i>

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department Date Zero Fiscal

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill



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AGENDA

3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11, 1998

SB 250: Game management and commissioner's duties
Senator Sharp, sponsor

HB 17: DNR approve plats in unorganized boroughs
Representative James, sponsor

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 18

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB - 250

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. And the Commissioner by delegation of the Board shall cooperate and assist by implementing regulations, management plans and other programs to accomplish these goals.

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.

Thank you.



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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 250

Revision Date (Note if correction) _____	Dept. Affected: <u>Fish and Game</u>
Title <u>Management of Game</u>	BRU <u>Wildlife Conservation</u>
	Component <u>Wildlife Conservation</u>
Sponsor <u>Senator Sharp</u>	
Requester <u>Senate Resources</u>	Component Serial No. <u>473</u>

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04
Personal Services	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0
Travel	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Contractual	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0
Supplies	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0
Equipment	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other -- F&G Fund (1024)	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0
TOTAL	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0	600.0

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)

Sections 4 & 5 of this bill would require the department to implement a 25% "harvestable surplus" management plan for *all* ungulate populations in the state. The department, in drafting this fiscal note, has assumed the bill sponsors mean for such a plan to be implemented only for specific populations identified in AS 16.05.255(e). If the sponsors actually intend the legislation to apply to all ungulate populations, the cost to the department will be multi-millions of dollars. Because Federal Aid funds cannot be used for wolf control and the operational costs would be so high, this funding would have to come from the General Fund, to prevent exhaustion of the Fish and Game Fund and the ability of the state to meet federal requirements for matching federal (Pittman-Robertson) funds.

Assumptions: (1) the bill will apply only to specific populations identified in by the board of game in AS 16.05.255(e), and (2) the department would limit intensive management to 4 such identified populations annually. The costs of *each* intensive management program is estimated at \$150.0/year, including 50.0 to extend existing seasonal positions, 70.0 in contractual costs (primarily air charter, equipment maintenance, misc. professional services), and 15.0 in supplies (for field activities, aircraft fuel, animal immobilization, etc.).

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Division <u>Wildlife Conservation</u>	Date <u>2/10/98</u>
Approved by Commissioner <u>Cecilia Bunn</u> <i>Cecilia Bunn</i>	Date <u>2/11/98</u>
Agency <u>Alaska Department of Fish and Game</u>	

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MEMORANDUM

February 10, 1998

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of SB 250; An Act relating to management of game and to the duties of the commissioner of fish and game. (SB 250)

TO: Senator Bert Sharp
Attn: Marilyn Wilson

FROM: George Utermohle *GU*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of SB 250; An Act relating to management of game and to the duties of the commissioner of fish and game.

As a preliminary matter, note that 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 sets out the findings of the legislature regarding management of big game prey population in the state.

Section 2 of the bill amends the definition of "intensive management" for the purposes of AS 16.05.255.

Section 3 of the bill amends AS 16.05.255(g) by adding definitions of the terms "harvestable surplus", "high level of human harvest", and "sustained yield".

Section 4 of the bill adds a new subsection to AS 16.05.255 to require that the Board of Game establish population and harvest goals and seasons to manage big game prey populations to achieve a high level of human harvest.

Section 5 of the bill amends AS 16.05.270 to provide that if the Board of Game delegates responsibility to the commissioner of fish and game, the commissioner shall cooperate with and assist the board by implementing programs requested by the board.

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SECTIONAL ANALYSES

SB-250

BY: SENATOR BERT SHARP

Section 1. Defines Legislative Findings which states that providing for high levels of harvest for human consumptive use consistent with the sustained yield principle is the best use for game prey populations in most areas of the state and further states big game prey populations should be managed biologically.

Section 2. Amends the definition of "intensive management" to include for sustained yield through active management measures.

Section 3. AS 16.05.255(g) is amended to add new definition (5) "sustained yield".

Section 4. AS 16.05.270 is amended to add new subsection (h) which instructs the Board of Game to establish population and harvest goals and seasons for managing big game prey populations for the purpose of achieving a high level of human harvest.

Section 5. AS 16.05.270 is amended to add a new subsection (b) which states if a board delegates authority to the commissioner to act on its behalf, the commissioner shall cooperate and assist the board by implementing regulations, management plans and other programs as requested by the board.



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