

HB

182

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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 have a bachelor's or higher degree in a forestry-related program and have three years of field experience in forestry. It would also require the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources to solicit and consider the recommendations of the state Fire Chief's Association or successor organization while reviewing the list of candidates for the state forester position forwarded by the board of forestry.

A “forester” is a specialist in forestry. The state forester heads a division comprised of mostly professional foresters and forestry technicians. I believe the division director should have a proper education in forestry and adequate field experience. Under the current statute there are neither forestry qualifications nor field experience required to head the state division of forestry. Considering the statutory defined responsibilities of the division the lack of required forestry qualifications and experience 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 commissioner of Natural Resources to act on any particular recommendation it does allow the Chief's to have input during the hiring process.

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.

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 Division: Forestry Date: 11-Feb-98
 Approved by Commissioner: *Mike Bus for John Shively* Date: 2-11-98
 Agency: Natural Resources

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1998 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SCSHB182(RES)

Revision Date: 12-Mar-98 Dept Affected: Natural Resources
 Title: An Act Relating to the qualifications of the State Forester BRU: Resource Development
 Sponsor: Representative Williams Component: Forest Mgmt & Development
 Requestor: (S)RLS Component Serial No. #435

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