

SJR

16



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MEMO

TO: Senator Tim Kelly, Chairman
Senate Rules Committee

FROM: Senator Loren Leman *Loren*

DATE: March 11, 1997

RE: Scheduling SJR 16 for Rules Committee

Please schedule at your earliest convenience CS SJR 16 (RES) for calendaring by the Rules Committee. SJR 16 encourages Congress to re-authorize and reform the federal Endangered Species Act.

A sponsor statement is attached.



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Sponsor Statement SJR 16

"Relating to Re-authorization and Reform of the Endangered Species Act."

Senate Joint Resolution 16 supports the efforts of our Congressional delegation, and other states, in reforming the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The ESA was passed by Congress in 1973 and has been amended several times. The basic premise of the ESA is to prevent the extinction of species.

It is unfortunate that examples of governmental abuse of power can be found alongside the successes of the ESA. SJR 16 recommends that the re-authorized Act assure partnership with the states and protection of private property rights.

SJR 16 requests the re-authorized Act not include: 1) any expansion of federal authority; 2) implementation of the complicated Biodiversity Treaty; or 3) any new biological diversity reserve system.

Alaska has more to lose in this debate than most states because of our resource-based economy. Examples of the ESA invoked to halt economic activity include a lawsuit filed by Greenpeace to shut down the eastern Gulf of Alaska pollock fishery, and proposals by the U.S. Forest Service to list the Alexander Archipelago Wolf and the Queen Charlotte Goshawk as threatened.

FISCAL NOTE

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1997 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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 Bill Version: SJR16
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Revision Date 2/18/97 Dept. Affected _____
 Title Reform the Endangered Species Act BRU _____
 Component _____
 Sponsor Leman Component Serial No. _____
 Requester _____

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03
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						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES []						
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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						
1091 Designated Program Receipts						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY97) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

This resolution has no fiscal impact on state departments.

Prepared by Senate Resources Committee
 Division _____
 Approved by Senator Rick Halford, Chairman
 Agency _____

Phone 465-4907
 Date _____
 Date 3/4/97

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PROVIDE FOR THE ABOVE.

THANKS

Tim B.

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