

**HB**

**25**

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## Sponsor Statement

### House Bill 25

**“An act relating to a municipal river habitat protection credit.”**

This bill, recognizing the need for habitat protection along rivers within a municipality, is a land management tool that provides the option of protecting fish habitat along the rivers by offering a tax credit to property owners along those waterways. Note that this is not an unfunded mandate. It is entirely optional at the local government level.

In 1995 the nineteenth legislature recognized the importance of this kind of protection by granting similar legislation along the Kenai River; this bill would simply extend that option to municipalities along other rivers. There are few, if any, other rivers in the state with the fishing pressure that exist along the Kenai. However as state population and tourism continue to grow, many other circumstances will arise where a municipality may wish to encourage habitat protection. This bill will provide one more option for them to consider.



# FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Community & Regional Affairs  
 Title: An Act relating to a municipal river BRU: none  
habitat protection tax credit Component: none  
 Sponsor: Rep. DAVIES  
 Requestor: House C&RA Committee COMPONENT SERIAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

| OPERATING                   | FY 00      | FY 01      | FY 02      | FY 03      | FY 04      | FY 05      |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| PERSONAL SERVICES           |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| TRAVEL                      |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| CONTRACTUAL                 |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| SUPPLIES                    |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| EQUIPMENT                   |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| LAND & STRUCTURES           |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| GRANTS, CLAIMS              |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| MISCELLANEOUS               |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>      | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |
| <b>CAPITAL</b>              | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |
| <b>REVENUE FUND SOURCE:</b> |            |            |            |            |            |            |

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

|                          |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1002 Federal Receipts    |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1003 GF Match            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1004 GF                  |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1005 GF/Program Receipts |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| 1006 GF/MHTIA            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Other                    |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

POSITIONS:

|           |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FULL-TIME | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PART-TIME |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| TEMPORARY |   |   |   |   |   |   |

Estimate of current (FY99) impact \$ none

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

This legislation provides for an optional municipal tax credit. It would have neither programmatic nor fiscal impact on this department.

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 Agency: Community & Regional Affairs

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## Questions regarding HB 25

- Do we have any history from the Kenai borough as to how well this is working, if it has been funded, etc.
- Have any other municipalities requested to be included in this program?
- Have any specific rivers, public use areas, degraded riverbanks, etc., been identified?