

HB

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: March 16, 1999

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/23/99

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 114

HOUSE BILL NO. 114

REPEAL PROHIBITION ANTLERLESS MOOSE

"An Act repealing the prohibition against the taking of antlerless moose."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ 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) fish: game 3/16/99

zero fiscal note(s) _____

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SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS		DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Gene Theriault</i>	Theriault	X			
<i>Greg Bunde</i>	Bunde	X			
<i>Alan Austerman</i>	Austerman			X	
<i>J. Davis</i>	J. DAVIS	X			
<i>Grussendorf</i>	Grussendorf			X	
<i>J. Davis</i>	J. DAVIS	X			
<i>William Williams</i>	Williams	X			
<i>Foster Mulder</i>	Foster Mulder	X			
<i>Foster Mulder</i>	Mulder	X			

CO CHAIR'S SIGNATURE

Gene Theriault *Foster Mulder*
 Theriault Mulder

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Component Boards Services

Sponsor Rep. Masek

Requester (H) RES

Component Serial No. 482

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
Personal Services	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Travel	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)
Contractual	(3.5)	(3.5)	(3.5)	(3.5)	(3.5)	(3.5)
Supplies	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)
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TOTAL OPERATING	(8.9)	(8.9)	(8.9)	(8.9)	(8.9)	(8.9)

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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FUND SOURCE

(Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
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Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: 0.0

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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)

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Sponsor Statement for HB 114

Antlerless Moose Hunts

HB 114 will remove the statutory stipulation requiring Advisory Committees to approve antlerless hunts before the Board of Game can implement them. This will effectively reduce the time involved in implementing antlerless hunts, as well as save approximately ten to twenty thousand dollars.

Since 1975 the State Board of Game has been required to obtain the approval of a majority of the local advisory committees in proximity to the game management unit for which the hunt is proposed. To date, this requirement has caused the Department and the Board a great deal of time and some expense to pursue antlerless moose hunts. Originally this provision was instigated on behalf of Alaskans who felt cow moose hunts were wrong for a variety of reasons regardless of biological evidence. Since then the Department has managed to educate most Alaskans about the benefits of antlerless hunts in relation to overall population dynamics and quality of habitat. Because of that effort antlerless hunts are rarely opposed today.

Antlerless moose hunts have rarely been opposed under the current system and Advisory Committees still have considerable clout within the Board of Game process. If a majority of the Advisory Committees wished to stop an antlerless hunt, experience shows that the Board of Game will go along with them 99% of time.

HB 114 will benefit the State and the Board of Game by streamlining the regulatory process providing a cost savings to the state in time and money.

Article 06. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Sec. 16.05.780. Taking of antlerless moose prohibited.

(a) The taking of antlerless moose in any game management unit or subunit or a portion of a unit or subunit is prohibited except that antlerless moose may be taken only under regulations adopted under (b) of this section after

(1) the department recommends the season be opened in that year, based on biological evidence, and

(2) a majority of active local advisory committees for that unit or subunit have recommended an opening for that year, after each has taken a vote and a majority of the members of those committees have voted in the affirmative.

(b) Pursuant to (a) of this section the board, in its regularly scheduled annual game board meeting, may adopt regulations for the taking of antlerless moose in any game management unit or subunit in any year.

History -

(Sec. 1 ch 113 SLA 1975)

Decisions -

Quoted in *Bobby v. Alaska*, 718 F. Supp. 764 (D. Alaska 1989).