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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Referred to Committee: April 12, 2000

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 4/18/00

The FINANCE Committee considered:

CSSB 212(FIN) am

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 212(FIN) am

FISH & GAME GRANTS

"An Act authorizing the commissioner of fish and game, with the concurrence of the Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game, to award grants for habitat restoration, access, or enhancement projects; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute HCSSB 212 (FIN) [] the same title [x] 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) _____

[] zero fiscal note(s) _____

[x] zero fiscal note(s) F:9 '21/00

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS		DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Car Bunde</i>	Bunde			✓	
<i>Alan Bunde</i>	Austinman			x	
<i>J. & James</i>	J. DAVIS	x			
<i>Ben Grossmont</i>	Grossmont	x			
<i>John G. Davis</i>	G. DAVIS	x			
<i>W.K. Williams</i>	Williams	x		x	
<i>Saint Phillips</i>	Phillips	✓			
<i>R. Foster</i>	Foster	x			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE

Car Bunde

FISCAL NOTE

No. 1
 Bill Version: SB212
 (S) Publish Date: 1-21-00

STATE OF ALASKA
 2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Fish and Game
 Title Authority to issue grants BRU Habitat
 Component Habitat
 Sponsor Rules Committee
 Requester Governor Component No. 486

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
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						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 Division Habitat Date/Time 1/20/00 11:03 AM
 Approved by Commissioner Frank Rue Date 01/20/2000
 Agency Department of Fish and Game

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 212(FIN) am

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/10/00

Offered: 4/6/00

Sponsor(s): SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act authorizing the commissioner of fish and game, [with the concurrence of
2 the Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game,] to award grants for habitat
3 restoration, [access] or enhancement projects; and providing for an effective date."

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4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 16.05.085. Grant authority.** The commissioner may award grants from
7 federal funds, other than funds received under the federal Pittman - Robertson and
8 Dingell - Johnson/Wallop - Breaux programs, for habitat restoration, [access] or
9 enhancement projects. [The award of a grant under this section is subject to
10 concurrence by the Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game, whichever is appropriate.]

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11 The commissioner may adopt regulations to implement this section.

12 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2000.

TONY KNOWLES

GUBERNATOR

2000-2001

STATE OF ALASKA

Office of the Governor

JUNEAU

January 20, 2000

SB 212

The Honorable Drue Pearce
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Pearce:

To continue our efforts to protect and enhance Alaska's natural resources, I am transmitting this bill authorizing the commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game to award grants for certain resource activities.

Under this bill, the commissioner would have express authority to directly award grants that serve core missions of the department – protecting, maintaining, and improving public access to fish, game, and habitat resources of Alaska. Current law necessitates the department to channel money through other agencies which causes delay and adds considerable administrative cost.

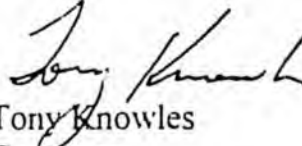
An increasing amount of federal funding is available to restore fish habitat and passage. We have many opportunities to use these funds, particularly in the more developed areas of the state. Many of these opportunities are found on private land on some of Alaska's most productive fish streams, such as the Kenai River.

Since the inception of the Kenai River 50/50 Cost Share project in 1995, the department has approved 160 projects to rehabilitate some 9,600 feet of riverbank and protect more than 15,700 feet of the Kenai River. But more money could have been directly targeted to these projects if we did not have to pay the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service its 11 percent administrative cost for channeling these funds to the state. Direct grant authority for the department will eliminate the need to use the federal agency in this way.

The Honorable Drue Pearce
January 20, 2000
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This legislation represents a cost-effective way to continue efforts on private and public land to rehabilitate riverbanks, protect fish streams and enhance access to these areas. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,



Tony Knowles
Governor