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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Honorable Pete Kott
Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
Capitol Building, Room 118
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Kott:

I am writing to request the House Judiciary Committee schedule House Bill 164, which authorizes the electronic sale and issuance of hunting and fishing licenses, permits and tags. This bill will make it more convenient for the public to immediately purchase licenses and tags needed to hunt and fish in the state.

The Department of Fish and Game has worked closely with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Law in drafting this bill. Individuals may now apply for licenses using either an 800 phone number or a computer and the Internet. The applicant subsequently receives his or her license by mail.

This bill will allow the department to institute a paperless licensing system that allows applicants, upon successful completion of an electronic licensing process, to be immediately issued a valid license to hunt or fish. This system provides the maximum convenience to the public by allowing the purchase of a valid license 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Several other states, including Idaho, Georgia, Florida, Texas, and Nebraska, are using some variation of electronic means to sell and issue hunting and fishing licenses. These systems have been well received by the hunting and fishing public. We have contacted fish and wildlife management and enforcement personnel in several of these states and they also report that electronic licensing has been performing successfully.

The House Resources Committee recently held hearings on HB 164, and after adopting an amendment to section 1 of the bill, moved the bill out of committee. One committee member recommended do pass and the other members present indicated no recommendation.

The department is always looking for ways to involve more people in hunting and fishing, and we believe that making it easier to get licensed is an effective means to that end. I hope you will schedule a hearing on this bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Rue", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Frank Rue
Commissioner

cc: Pat Pourchot
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The Honorable Brian Porter
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
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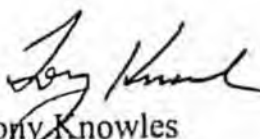
Dear Speaker ^{Brian} Porter:

Since the beginning of my Administration, state agencies have taken great strides to "plug into" the high technology age. We increasingly use electronic means to communicate with the public, whether it be to renew a driver's license, check the status of a permanent fund dividend application, or offer up-to-the-minute election results.

This bill I transmit today is yet another effort by the state to make it easier for the public to conduct business with us through electronic communication. It will allow application for fish and game licenses "on line" and lay the groundwork for the state to eventually issue paperless licenses.

A process allowing fishers and hunters to apply for and receive licenses, permits, or tags electronically should reduce paperwork for the public and the state while building a better, more efficient system for license management. I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,


Tony Knowles
Governor

FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: CSHB 164 (RES)
 (H) Publish Date: 2/23/00

STATE OF ALASKA
 2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Law
 Title "...electronic application for and issuance of BRU Criminal/Civil Divisions
licenses, permits, and tags issued by ... Fish and Game ..." Component 1st-4th Jud Dist; Criminal Appeals/
 Sponsor House Rules Committee Spec Lit; Natural Resources
 Requester House Resources Committee Component Serial No. 2198-99;2201-03,79,12

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 |
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| Personal Services | | | | | | |
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| Contractual | | | | | | |
| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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| 1002 Federal Receipts | | | | | | |
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| 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: _____

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

CSHB 164 (RES) will authorize the Department of Fish and Game to use "on-line" and other electronic means to accept and process applications for, and to issue, certain licenses, permits, and tags in appropriate circumstances. The method of implementing electronic issuance would require the concurrence of the Department of Public Safety to ensure the license system continues to serve a useful role in enforcing fish and wildlife protection laws.

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Law.

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FISCAL NOTE

Bill Version: CSHB 164 (RES)

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**STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) 2/21/00 Dept. Affected Fish and Game
 Title FISH & GAME LICENSING BY ELECTRONICS BRU Admin. & Support
 Component Admin. Services
 Sponsor House Rules Committee
 Requester House Resources Committee Component No. 479

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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| OPERATING EXPENDITURES | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | FY 2005 | FY 2006 |
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| Supplies | | | | | | |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| Land & Structures | | | | | | |
| Grants & Claims | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
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| Other (Specify Type) | | | | | | |
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached

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Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Fiscal note for CSHB 164(RES)

Analysis:

This bill provides for the electronic issuance of hunting and fishing licenses, tags and permits. This process is intended to be a convenience to the public and will complement the current paper system that will continue to be offered and account for the vast majority of sales. The state currently sells over 700,000 pieces of licensing stock annually, generating over \$20 million in revenue, and pays out approximately \$2 million in vendor compensation.

Any licenses sold by the state as a license vendor will result in the foregone vendor compensation remaining in the Fish and Game fund pending appropriation by the Legislature through the normal budget process. Any fees assessed by a vendor for providing electronic licenses are anticipated to be less than the amount currently paid out as vendor compensation. In the event that an electronic vendor, through a competitive solicitation process, charges more than the current allowance for vendor compensation, the bill allows for a surcharge (or convenience fee) of not more than \$3 to be assessed by the vendor.

FISCAL NOTE

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| Sponsor | Rules Committee | | |
| Requester | Governor | Component Serial No. | 2198-99;2201-03,79,12 |

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| Miscellaneous | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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STATE OF ALASKA 1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Fish and Game
 Title Electronic application and issuance of fishing and hunting licenses BRU Administration and Support
 Component Administrative Services
 Sponsor Rules Committee
 Requester Governor Component Serial No. 479

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| Personal Services | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Travel | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Contractual | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Supplies | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Equipment | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Land & Structures | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Grants & Claims | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| TOTAL OPERATING | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |

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