

HCR

9

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HCR 9

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: Take A Kid Hunting Week  
Sponsor: Representative Phillips  
Requester: House Resources

Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
BRU \_\_\_\_\_  
Component \_\_\_\_\_  
Component Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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>

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						
<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>

Estimate of any current year (FY98) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

*No Fiscal Impact*

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House Resources Committee Aide

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date 8-3-99

#2

**Proposed Amendment to HCR 9**

Page 1, Line 1 – delete “Weekend” after “Hunting” and insert week.

Page 2, Line 2 – delete “Weekend” after “Hunting” and insert week.

Page 2, Line 6 - delete “Weekend” after “Hunting” and insert week.

This amendment is supported by AOC and other conservation groups and would more appropriately recognize the importance of hunting in Alaskan culture.

Passed

#3

replace “kid” with “child” throughout  
the resolution

Passed

2029

AMENDMENT

#1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

by: Rep. Joule

TO: HCR 9

#1 whereas

Add a new "Whereas" clause to read:

"WHEREAS Alaska's abundance and variety of natural resources are unmatched in the United States; and"

renumber

passed

\* This will be the first whereas  
Please renumber accordingly.

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**Representative Gail Phillips**

## **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

### **HCR 9 – Naming “Take a Kid Hunting Weekend”**

**Offered before the  
House Resources Committee**

HCR 9 seeks to name the second weekend in September each year as “Take a Kid Hunting Weekend”. Such an event would greatly assist in preserving our hunting heritage and to encourage Alaskan hunters to become knowledgeable in the areas of sportfishing and hunting. Naming a special weekend would greatly compliment the Hunter Education and Shooting Sports program funded last year by the legislature.

I am hopeful that the members of this committee are willing to dedicate a special weekend where experienced hunters can pass along to our children hunting skills, gun safety awareness and the contributions of responsible and ethical hunter behavior.

Thank you.



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March 25, 1999

Senator John Torgerson  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

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Dear Senator Torgerson:

My name is Keith Phillips and I am president of Alaska's Kenai Peninsula Chapter of Safari Club International. I'm writing this letter in support of the "Take a Kid Hunting Weekend" proposal Larry Lewis has discussed with you.

Too many of today's young people have been brain washed into believing that hunting is unnecessary and that hunters enjoy inflicting pain. It's time to tell them the truth!

Animal rights activists have shaped the minds of our youth through television, movies and schools as indicated by the results of a youth vote on the wolf snaring initiative during the last election. If the majority of the voting public felt the same way these young people feel we would have already lost our rights to hunt, trap, and bear arms.

One of the problems is that the majority of hunters don't fully realize the danger of not taking a proactive position in teaching our young people the importance of hunting in wildlife conservation. If we don't start doing something about protecting and preserving our hunting heritage now - that means giving young people equal time with our viewpoints - the animals rights activists will gain the control they've always dreamed of. That's when the youngest generation of Americans turns voting age and eventually gets the majority vote. This day is fast approaching.

It's our obligation - not our option - to teach as many young people as we can about how enjoyable, character building, and essential the right to hunt is. We need to teach hunting's importance as a game management tool to every child whose life we touch. If each one of us doesn't do that right now, the very near future may see all of us, including our children and grandchildren, lose the right to hunt - forever!

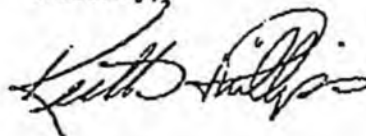
Individual interaction with our youth is the only way of reversing the damage already done. Proof of this is the success of SCI's educational moose hunts. The past two years we've taken high school kids, with very little chance of ever having an opportunity to hunt, and taught them about gun safety, hunters education/ethics, and actual "hands on experience with packing, field dressing and butchering a permitted moose kill. All of these young people

thoroughly enjoyed the experience and if they never hunt again, they have at least learned an appreciation for hunting.

If you consider yourself an outdoorsman and you truly cherish our hunting heritage, an important moment has come. You are in the enviable position of being able to help hunters throughout this state turn back the tide of lies, and twisted misinformation generated by the animal rights movement. By introducing legislation as proposed by Larry Lewis, for a state sanctioned "Take a Kid Hunting Weekend" you would be giving us a tremendous tool for generating awareness of the importance of hunting to our youth. The rest of it is up to us.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Keith Phillips".

Keith Phillips, President  
Alaska's Kenai Peninsula Chapter SCI

Commissioner Frank Rue  
Alaska Department of Fish & Game  
Juneau, Alaska 99802

PO Box 403  
Kasilof AK 99610  
January 16 1999

RE: "Take a kid hunting weekend"

Dear Commissioner Rue,

My name is Larry Lewis and I work for the Alaska Department of Fish & Game as a seasonal F&W Technician out of the Soldotna office. I am on the Board of Directors of, and am very active in, our local chapter of Safari Club International. I have recently signed on as a volunteer Hunter Education Instructor and also hold a hunting representative seat on the Kenai - Soldotna Fish & Game Advisory Committee. I strongly feel that we need to work to preserve our American hunting heritage for future generations. Part of our responsibility as hunters in meeting that goal is to endeavor to become better educated, well trained, and more ethically minded in all our hunting related activities. It is equally important that we encourage others to do the same.

As you know, Hunter Education will become mandatory in units 7, 14 and 15 in the year 2000 for those born after 1984. A "Take A Kid Hunting Weekend" held the second weekend in September, and the media attention it is sure to receive, would tie-in perfectly with this program. I see a wonderful opportunity here to create a greater public awareness of the Hunter Education program and direct the interest of kids and, hopefully, more adults toward attending the course. I seek no special regulatory changes for "Take A Kid Hunting Weekend" other than a legislatively approved, annual fall weekend. It would be a time set-aside as a reminder of our responsibility to mentor our younger generations of Alaskans (future policy makers), so that this important part of our American heritage will be forever preserved.

I met and spoke with you briefly when you were here in our office last summer but didn't have a chance to talk to you about an idea I had at the time. I recently spoke with Senator John Torgerson about his interest in sponsoring a bill that would mandate an official, annual, "Take A Kid Hunting Weekend" for the entire state of Alaska. He expressed great interest in the concept and felt the idea would be well received in the legislature. He asked me to do more homework on the subject so I sent him a copy of similar legislation from my home state of Minnesota. He informs me he has just recently forwarded this information on to your office for comment.

I have talked to Ted Spraker, Kenai Area Biologist; Tony Monzingo, Hunter Services Coordinator, Anchorage; and Ken Taylor about this idea and it has been very well received. I realize you are a very busy man, but I would respectfully ask for any time you can devote towards the Departments approval and support of this idea. Senator Torgerson has informed me that he awaits your comments before he moves ahead with any legislative action. The legislatures plate is sure to be very full, and I would like to see this to fruition this session. Once again, thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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CC: Ken Taylor; Tony Monzingo; Ted Spraker

# STATE OF ALASKA

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March 5, 1999

Mr. Larry Lewis  
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter regarding efforts to preserve our hunting heritage and to encourage Alaskan hunters to become more knowledgeable, skilled, and ethical in the field. I applaud your dedication and efforts to expand public awareness of the positive contributions of the Hunter Education Program to safety, conservation, and responsible hunter behavior. I am aware that the age of the average hunter continues to rise and that we are experiencing poor recruitment of young people into our hunting community.

Therefore, I support your efforts to have the second weekend in September nominated by the state legislature as "Take a Kid Hunting Weekend." To ensure the continuation of hunting, experienced hunters must assume the duty of passing along revered traditions and respect for the resource to future generations. I will willingly work with Senator Torgerson and other legislative leaders should they choose to introduce such legislation.

Sincerely,



Frank Rue  
Commissioner

cc: Senator John Torgerson

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January 7, 1999

The Honorable John Torgerson  
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Kenai, AK 99611

Dear Senator  Torgerson:

Thank you for your letter of December 23 suggesting that we consider legislation creating a "Take a Kid Hunting Weekend" in Alaska. I agree this concept has merit, and I have asked staff in the Wildlife Division to review the attached statutes from Minnesota to see what might be the best approach to take. I concur exemptions from license requirements may not make as much sense here as it may in Minnesota.

As you probably know, both the Division of Sport Fish and the Division of Wildlife are investing considerable resources in outreach efforts to youth in Alaska through hunting and sport fishing education programs. Last year, the legislature funded a mobile Hunter Education and Shooting Sports program that we plan to have operational this spring in time for the Anchorage and Fairbanks sport shows. This program will be on the road through the summer and will reach thousands of Alaska's youth who have an interest in developing their skills in the shooting sports and learning safe responsible firearms handling. It would be a good vehicle to use to generate participation in a "Take a Kid Hunting Weekend" program if it is introduced and passed this session.

My staff and I are available to discuss this further at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Frank Rue  
Commissioner