

HB

114

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1999 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB 114 (RES)

Revision Date (Note if correction) 03/28/00 Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title Repeal Prohibition Antlerless Moose BfU Boards of Fisheries and Game
 Component Boards Services
 Sponsor Rep. Masek
 Requester (S) RES Component Serial No. 482

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other -- F&G Fund (1024)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY00) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

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)

This committee substitute will have no fiscal impact on the department or the Board of Game. As written, this bill will still require annual notice, consideration and reauthorization of all antlerless moose seasons, just as is presently required. Under this committee substitute, the annual fiscal savings estimated from repeal of AS16.05.780 (\$9.0) will not be realized.

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 Division Boards Support Section, Div. of Administration Date 03/28/00
 Approved by Commissioner _____ Date 3/28/00
 Agency Alaska Department of Fish and Game *Osian Bruner*

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Representative Beverly Masek

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.

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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April 20, 1999

bill file

Senator Rick Halford
Alaska State Senate
Alaska Capitol, Room 121
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator Halford:

The Department of Fish and Game strongly supports HF 114. It will provide more effective and efficient wildlife management in Alaska.

Current statutes (AS 16.05.780) require annual reauthorization of regulations allowing the harvest of cow moose. This law was enacted in the 1970s when moose herds declined following some large-scale cow hunts and severe winters. Since that time, more than 20 years of research and management experience has enhanced our wildlife managers' understanding of moose ecology, and the techniques for managing moose have greatly improved. Moose herds are now among the best understood of our wildlife populations, and antlerless moose seasons are working well where they occur. Yet our biologists, fish and game advisory committees, and Board of Game must spend time each spring to reauthorize each of these hunts around the state, meaning that we must spend extra money and staff time for no real benefit. At the spring Board of Game meeting this year, 10 percent of the proposals were antlerless moose reauthorizations, and none were disapproved.

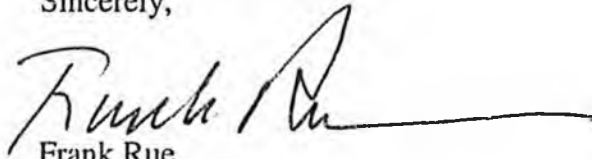
The Board of Game adopted a biannual schedule for review of regulations about three years ago, and this system works very well. All regulations within each region are reviewed every other year, except for cow moose hunts, which must be addressed outside of the regular board cycle. This creates unnecessary work and travel for division employees and members of advisory committees.

Repeal of this statute, as proposed in HB 114, would end situations which have occurred in the past, where an antlerless hunt could not be reauthorized by the Board of Game because an advisory committee failed to meet. With the biannual schedule, there is little or no need for some advisory committees to meet except to consider cow moose hunts.

There is no intent to thwart the role of fish and game advisory committees. The opinions of these groups are valued by ADF&G staff and the Board of Game, and we will continue to solicit their help and advice in the future. However, there is no reason to manage antlerless moose hunts any differently than hunts for other species in which females are taken. The Department of Fish and Game believes that the best way to manage moose seasons is to ask the Board of Game to make changes when biological indicators warrant them. Advisory committees would have a chance to take a position on hunts once every two years under the current Board of Game rotation, and the Board takes advisory committee input very seriously. The department is committed to working with fish and game advisory committees to reach agreement on the best ways to manage our wildlife, and the committees will remain an important part of the process.

I hope you will support this bill. If you have any questions please give Wayne Regelin or me a call.

Sincerely,

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

Frank Rue
Commissioner

cc: Senator Green
Senator Kelly
Senator Mackie
Senator Lincoln

Board of Game
PO Box 25526
Juneau, AK 99802

Honorable Beverly Masek, Vice Chair
House Resources Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 432
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

March 24, 1999

Dear Representative Masek:

In official action at the March meeting of the Alaska Board of Game, the board has endorsed SB-74, same-day airborne for wolves by Department agents, and HB-114, eliminating the annual requirement for reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts.

The board recognizes the importance of predator control in managing Alaska's resources, and feels that the passage of Ballot Measure 3 in 1996 severely restricted the board's and the Department's ability to implement such action. By allowing Department personnel and agents to use same-day-airborne, and eliminating the "irreversible decline" clause, we feel that management of the state's wolves will be more readily attainable.

Regarding the reauthorization of antlerless moose hunts, the board agrees that the requirement to do so annually is a burden on the system. With our regional 2-year meeting cycle, the Department must have personnel travel long distances to address these reauthorizations. In cases where the hunt may not occur due to population estimates or bull:cow ratios, the hunt is reauthorized anyway, so that it is not lost in the future. By eliminating the annual reauthorization requirement, the board and Department will have more flexibility in using antlerless hunts in managing moose populations.

We encourage passage of both bills, and encourage distribution of this letter to other concerned legislators.

Sincerely,



Michael Fleagle,
Member, Board of Game

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Copper River/Prince William Sound Advisory Committee

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April 16, 1999

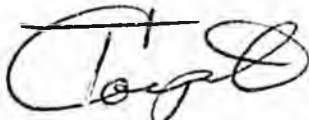
Senator Halford
State Senate
Chairman House Resource
Alaska State Legislature
State Capital, Juneau
99801 - 1182

Dear Senator Halford:

I am writing in regards to House Bill 114. This bill deals with Fish and Game matters, in particular antlerless moose harvests. This Advisory committee along with many others I have spoke with in the past week are addimately opposed to this Bill. This Bill eliminates the original intent of Jay Kertulla's 1975 Bill which allowed local advisory committees to be involved in the decision making process in regards to antlerless moose harvest. This bill law has been in place for 25 years, and has cost the state literally nothing to administer. Please vote no on House Bill 114. By voting no you are telling the people of your district and others throughout the state that participate in the advisory committee process is appreciated and needed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter:

Sincerely,



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Co -Chair
Copper River/ Prince William Sound Advisory Committee

cc: Sherrill Peterson, Regional Coordinator South Central
Senator Taylor
Senator Green
Senator Kelly
Senator Mackie
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Senator Lincoln

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3/27/00

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 114()
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE MASEK

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the taking of antlerless moose."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 * Section 1. AS 16.05.780 is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 Sec. 16.05.780. Taking of antlerless moose. The board may adopt a
5 regulation permitting the taking of antlerless moose in a game management unit or
6 subunit during a calendar year if, after receiving notice of the intent of the board to
7 consider adoption of the regulation, a majority of the active local fish and game
8 advisory committees with jurisdiction for the area where the regulation would apply
9 does not object in writing to the proposed regulation.

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Revision Date (Note if correction)	<u>04/12/00</u>	Dept. Affected: <u>Fish and Game</u>
Title	<u>Repeal Prohibition Antlerless Moose</u>	BRU <u>Wildlife Conservation</u>
		Component <u>Wildlife Conservation</u>
Sponsor	<u>Rep. Masek</u>	
Requester	<u>(S) RES</u>	Component Serial No. <u>0473</u>

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other -- F&G Fund (1024)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)
TOTAL	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)	(4.2)

Estimate of any current year (FY00) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

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)*

Under current law, annual consideration of antlerless moose regulations requires Wildlife Conservation staff biologists to annually travel to and attend Board meetings held in other regions of the state. Under the committee substitute, such travel would no longer be necessary.

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Division <u>Division of Wildlife Conservation, ADF&G</u>	Date <u>04/12/00</u>
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Agency <u>Alaska Department of Fish and Game</u>	

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 Component Boards Services
 Sponsor Rep. Masek
 Requester (S) RES Component Serial No. 0482

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Travel						
Contractual	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.5)
Supplies	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other -- F&G Fund (1024)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)
TOTAL	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)

Estimate of any current year (FY00) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

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)

Approximately half the spending currently devoted to antlerless moose proposals would be saved under this bill, as follows: Personal Services -- overtime for staff; Contractual -- printing, postage, room rent; Supplies -- office supplies.

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/12/99

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Resources Committee considered

HOUSE BILL NO. 114

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

and recommends:

be replaced with S CS HB 114 (RES)

adopt previous _____ CS _____

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to the _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR# _____

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CHAIR: <i>Rich Halford</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CHAIR:			

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
DF & G Wildlife Cons	4/12/00		(4.2)
DF & G Boards	4/12/00		(2.9)

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

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		Component	<u>Board Services</u>
Sponsor	<u>Rep. Masek</u>		
Requester	<u>Senate Res</u>	Component No.	<u>482</u>

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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Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
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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						
1007 Interagency Receipts	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)
TOTAL	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)	(2.9)

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: _____

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