

**HCR**

**9**

# SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 5/12/99

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 2/21/00

Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9(RES) am Relating to Take a Young Person Hunting Week.

and recommends:

- be replaced with \_\_\_\_\_ CS \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- 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# \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNING DO PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Adrian Taylor</i>	✓	<i>Adrian Taylor</i>			✓
<i>Rita K. H. [unclear]</i>	✓				
<i>[unclear]</i>	✓				
<i>[unclear]</i>					
<i>[unclear]</i>					
<b>CHAIR:</b> <i>Rick Halford</i>	✓	<b>CHAIR:</b>			

**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
Senate Resources	2/18	✓	

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):\***

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

\*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CS HCR 9 (RES) am

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title Take A Kid Hunting Week BRU \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Component \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sponsor Representative Phillips \_\_\_\_\_  
 Requester Senate Resources Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**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						
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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**FUND SOURCE** (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
<b>TOTAL</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSITIONS**

POSITIONS	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This resolution is anticipated to have no fiscal impact on state agencies.

Prepared by: Juli Lucky Phone 465-4907  
 Division Senate Resources Committee Date/Time 2/18/00 11:14 AM  
 Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agency \_\_\_\_\_

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**Representative Gail Phillips**

## SPONSOR STATEMENT

**CS HCR 9 (RES) am – “Take a Young Person Hunting Week”**

**Offered before the  
Senate Resources Committee**

CS HCR 9 (RES) am seeks to name the second week in September each year as “Take a Young Person Hunting Week”. 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 week 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 week 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.

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation* *by* *Tony Knowles, Governor*

Hunting is an important part of the Alaska heritage, and for many Alaskans, an important part of their lifestyles.

To perpetuate the honored traditions of hunters, gatherers, and conservationists, it is essential to educate children on gun safety, hunting skills, and hunting ethics. Experienced hunters have an obligation to pass along their wealth of knowledge to ensure future generations respect the natural world around them, and make smart, and safe decisions when choosing to hunt.

Alaska's hunting heritage is essential to the state's well-being and embedded in the spirit of the people who live here.

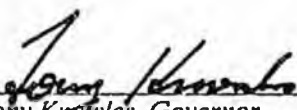
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Knowles, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 5-12, 1999, as:

### *Take A Young Person Hunting Week*

in Alaska, and encourage experienced hunters to teach young Alaskans the outdoor tradition of hunting and to educate them on the importance of gun safety.

DATED: September 8, 1999



  
Tony Knowles, Governor  
who has also authorized the seal  
of the State of Alaska to be affixed  
to this proclamation.

Representative Gail Phillips  
State Capital  
Juneau AK

5/5/99

Dear Representative Phillips,

I appreciate the attention you have given to the idea of a "Take A Kid Hunting Weekend" for the state of Alaska. It can not be denied that hunting is an important part of our heritage and lifestyle here in Alaska. It is crucial to meeting the management goals and strategies set forth by the Department of Fish and Game to provide for sustained yield of fish and game resources. You must be aware that hunter's numbers are declining nationwide and particularly in Alaska. Only an estimated ten- percent or less of our U.S. population hunts. A large portion of our wildlife conservation funding comes through Pittman-Robertson Act money. This money is collected through a Federal excise tax that hunters pay when they purchase firearms and ammunition. As hunter numbers continue to decline, so will revenue for wildlife conservation. This does not bode well for the future of our hunting heritage.

I feel it is vitally important that we actively recruit and mentor our kids in our hunting heritage. I am a volunteer hunter education instructor that believes it is better to hunt with your kids than to hunt for them. In the last statewide election, the youth of Alaska voted in their mock election, "The Kid's Vote", to pass Ballot Initiative Nine. Ballot Initiative Nine would have disallowed the use of snares for the taking of wolves. It was because of that mock vote that I became aware of the turning tide of opinion among the majority of our youth regarding wildlife management issues. Our Alaskan kids need to be taught the importance of hunting as part of our traditions, heritage and lifestyle. We owe it to them to teach them the important role hunting plays in wildlife management. Only then can they make informed choices. Many other states encourage the mentoring and education of their youth through an annual event such as "Take a Kid Hunting Weekend." I feel we, as Alaskans, deserve the same. Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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March 25, 1999

Senator John Torgerson  
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Juneau, AK 99801-1182

FAX: (907) 465-4779

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!

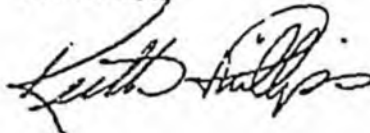
Individual interaction with our youth is the only way of reversing the damage already done. Proof of this is the success of SCI's educational moose hunts. The past two years we've taken high school kids, with very little chance of ever having an opportunity to hunt, and taught them about gun safety, 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

# STATE OF ALASKA

TONY KNOWLES, GOVERNOR

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January 7, 1999

The Honorable John Torgerson  
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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