

SB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Committee of Referral

DATE: 1/21/00

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3/16/00
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 3/23/00

Resources Committee considered

SENATE BILL NO. 212

"An Act authorizing the commissioner of fish and game to award grants for certain resource activities; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SB 212 (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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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
Fish and Game	1/21/00	✓	

APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill

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)

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)						
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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January 20, 2000

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.

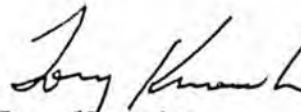
An increasing amount of federal funding is available to restore fish habitat and passage. We have many opportunities to use these funds, particularly in the more developed areas of the state. Many of these opportunities are found on private land on some of Alaska's most productive fish streams, such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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tony Knowles".

Tony Knowles
Governor