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FISCAL NOTE

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 Bill Version: SB 35
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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title: Fish and Game electronic licensing

Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 BRU: Administration and Support
 Component: Administrative Services

Sponsor: Rules Committee
 Requester: Governor

Component Number: 479

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
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)

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 (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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 fee of not more than \$3 to be assessed by the vendor.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Senator John Torgerson, Chair
Senate Resources Committee

From: Commissioner Frank Rue *William Rue*
Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Re: Hearing request for SB 35

Date: February 28, 2001

I am requesting a hearing in the Senate Resources Committee of SB 35, "An Act relating to electronic application for and issuance of licenses, permits, and tags issued by the Department of Fish and Game; relating to violations regarding a license, permit, or tag applied for or issued electronically; and providing for an effective date."

Building upon our current very popular internet license application process, this legislation authorizes the commissioner of fish and game, with the concurrence of the commissioner of public safety and a finding that it is in the best interests of the state, to establish a system for the issuance of electronic licenses, permits, or tags. Such a "paperless" system would supplement current licensing, and offer another level of convenience to the public who may wish to access such a system.

Your expeditious consideration of this request would be appreciated.