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# SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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SENATE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE

DATE: 04/15/04

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED  
IN TO OFFICE: 4 May 2004

Finance Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 44(RES) am

## HJR 44 SEA OTTER RESEARCH/ENDANGERED SPECIES

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and recommends:

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**NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero.	FN#

**PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):**

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
H.RES	7/31/04			✓	#1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	Do PASS	Do NOT PASS	No REC	AMEND
<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
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COCHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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COMMITTEE

# FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA  
2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
Bill Version: CSHJR 44(RES)  
(H) Publish Date: 4/1/04

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title Sea Otter Research/Endangered BRU \_\_\_\_\_  
Species \_\_\_\_\_ Component \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Rep. Ogg \_\_\_\_\_  
Requester \_\_\_\_\_ Component No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010
Personal Services						
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>

<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>						
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<b>CHANGE IN REVENUES ( )</b>						
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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--Do not abbreviate)						
<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 (FY2004) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2005 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

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

Prepared by: Rachel Essen Phone 465-3783  
Division: House Resources Date/Time 3/31/04 3:00 PM  
Approved by: Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, Co-Chairman Date 3/31/2004  
Agency: House Resources Committee



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House Transportation Committee  
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## **SPONSOR STATEMENT**

House Joint Resolution 44

4/1/04

### **"Relating to research into the decline of the Southwest Alaska population of the Northern Sea Otter in the western Gulf of Alaska."**

The Southwest Alaska population of Northern Sea Otters has declined as much as 65 percent since the mid-1970s. In response to this precipitous decline, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service recently proposed listing the sea otters in the Southwest region as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has said they do not currently anticipate commercial fishing closures due to the decline in sea otters. However, as we have witnessed with Steller sea lions, commercial fishing activity in Southwest Alaska could be curtailed if sea otters gain protected status. Our coastal communities, as well as the state as a whole, depend heavily on revenue generated by commercial fishing.

In an attempt to be proactive, this resolution asks the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Congress to provide \$5 million per year for five years for research into the abundance of Northern Sea Otters and the reasons behind their decline. Since Kodiak is uniquely situated in the Gulf of Alaska and is also a large commercial fishing port, the resolution asks that research into the sea otters' population decline be centered in Kodiak, with field stations in other western Alaska coastal communities.

Previous surveys of sea otter population levels have been sporadic and have not produced long-term reliable data. It is imperative that scientists immediately begin to consistently monitor and investigate the sea otters' decline to mitigate the potential negative effects on Alaska's commercial fishing industry.

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<i>Joseph Deering</i>	✓			
<i>Thomas J. Wagoner</i>	✓			
<i>Frank Dyson</i>	✓			
CHAIR: <i>Bill Dyson</i>	✓			

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