

**HB**

**501**

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## **SPONSOR STATEMENT / SECTIONAL ANALYSIS**

### **CSHB 501 (RES) - Possession of Horns/Antlers of Big Game Animals**

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HB 501 creates the civil penalty of forfeiture of horns or antlers if a hunter cannot prove that he or she salvaged a minimum amount of meat from the kill. The requisite amount of meat must either be in possession or signed over in good condition to a local resident.

This penalty supplements current wanton waste laws, which require full salvage of game meat, and prohibits possession of horns or antlers without the edible meat. Wanton waste laws are criminal violations (Class A misdemeanors) and have a high requirement for investigation and proof. There are acceptable defenses for the loss or spoilage of meat, such as transporter delay, weather factors, and seizure by wildlife predators, however, these defenses can be difficult and expensive to investigate in order to prove that the loss of meat was intentional. HB 501 provides a lesser penalty for a lesser crime.

The impetus of HB 501 is that enforcement personnel will have a greater ability to intervene in situations where it may not be clear that wanton waste laws have been violated. The bill raises the deterrent factor in circumstances where hunters wish to possess horns or antlers, and might take that questionable shot, but might not be as aggressive in salvaging the game meat.

**SECTION 1:** Allows the Board of Game to adopt regulations determining the minimum amount of game meat to be salvaged by a hunter in order for that person to acquire ownership of the horns or antlers. The general obligation to salvage game meat will not be lessened.

**SECTION 2:** Makes clear that a hunter does not acquire lawful possession of horns or antlers unless salvage requirements in law are met. Further states that the Board of Game may set criteria for forfeiture.

**FISCAL NOTE:** The bill carries a ZERO fiscal note from the Department of Public Safety.

# FISCAL NOTE

**STATE OF ALASKA**  
**2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Fiscal Note Number: 1  
 Bill Version: CSHB 501(RES)  
 (H) Publish Date: 5/3/06

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. Affected: Public Safety  
 Title: "An Act relating to the possession of horns or antlers of big game animals." RDU: Alaska State Troopers  
 Component: AST Detachments  
 Sponsor: House Resources Committee  
 Requester: House Resources Committee Component No. 2325

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

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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>1.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

Mark this box: (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

**POSITIONS**

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

**ANALYSIS:** (Attach a separate page if necessary)  
 The enforcement of laws applicable to this proposed legislation will be enforced by using the assets currently available within the division of the Alaska State Troopers.  
  
 There will be no fiscal impact on the Department of Public Safety.

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 Approved by: Commissioner William Tandeske Date 4/17/2006  
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