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STATE OF ALASKA
2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affecting: Fish and Game
Title: An Act Creating the Alaska Climate Change Task Force RDU: Administration and Support
Sponsor: Senator Donny Olson Component: Commissioner's Office
Requester: Senate Resources Committee Component No.: 2175

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services						
Travel	5.0	5.0				
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	5.0	5.0				
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	5.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2006) cost: 0.0

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POSITIONS

Full-time						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Task Force will conduct hearings around the state. There will be four hearings in FY07 and four hearings in FY08. The travel costs are for the commissioner or his designee to attend these meetings.

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Title: AK Climate Change Task Force RDU: Resource Development
Component: Geological Land Development
Sponsor: Senator Olson
Requester: (S) RES Component No.: 1031

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services						
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Land & Structures						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB278 would create the Alaska Climate Change Task Force composed of 13 members including one ex-officio member of the Commissioner, or designee, from the Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of the Task Force is to: 1) assess the current and potential impacts of climate warming trends on state citizens, natural resources, and the economy, in particular, the adverse effects on natural resource development, forest safety, fish and game utilization, and transportation and community infrastructures. 2) estimate the cost to the state and its citizens of adverse effects associated with climate warming, and 3) make recommendations to the legislature and the administration on measures that would address or mitigate the near and long-term affects of climate change.
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Approved by: Michael Menge, Commissioner Date: 4/10/2006
Agency: Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

*** The fiscal impact of this legislation is **indeterminate** at this time. Properly identifying specific circumstances of flooding, erosion, land stability, changes to permafrost due to climate changes, impacts to development infrastructure, exploration activities (i.e., tundra travel), and forest health and management, could take significant in-depth research on existing data, as well as the possibility of additional data gathering and interpretation. This work could also entail the purchase of remote sensing data and analysis of such data depending on the scientific level of the proposed assessment and recommendations. Alternatively, the task force could merely rely on the combined expertise of the members and make recommendations for future research and assessment needs to the Legislature from that basis. In the latter scenario the fiscal note could be -0-.

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 Sponsor: Senator Olson
 Requester: Senate Resources Component No.: 530

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services						
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Task Force will conduct hearings around the state. There will be four hearings in FY07 and four hearings in FY08. The travel costs are for the commissioner or his designee to attend these meeting.

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 Approved by: John MacKinnon
 Agency: Dept. of Transportation and Public Facilities

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 Title: Alaska Climate Change Task Force RDU: Administrative Services
 Component: Commissioner's Office
 Sponsor: Senator Donny Olson
 Requester: Senate Resources Committee Component No. 633

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
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Travel	5.0	5.0				
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation would require the DEC Commissioner or his designee to attend at least eight meetings around the state of the Alaska Climate Change Task Force in FY07 and FY08. The travel costs are for this person to attend those meetings.

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 Approved by: Dan Easton, Deputy Commissioner Date 4/12/2006
 Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation

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Task Force and providing for an effective date." Component: Council and Subcommittees
 Sponsor: Senator Olson
 Requestor: Senate Resources Component No. 783

Expenditure / Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 210	FY 2011	FY 2012
Personal Services	68.0	64.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Travel	42.0	37.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Contractual	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Supplies	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Land & Structures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grants & Claims	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL OPERATING	112.0	103.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

SB 278 establishes a thirteen member Alaska Climate Change Task Force made up of four Legislators and nine public members appointed by the Presiding Officers. The Task Force will conduct hearings around the state, four hearings in FY07, and four hearings in FY08. Travel costs for the Legislators and public members are included in this fiscal note. Travel costs for Executive Branch members will be absorbed within Executive Branch budgets. The Task Force will study the effects of climate change within Alaska and shall prepare a report offering recommendations to the Legislature and the Administration on measures that would address or mitigate the near and long-term effects of climate change. The Task Force will be assisted by a Range 15 support position. The Task Force will have a contractual budget for phone and other expenses and a supply budget for the purchase of supplies and research materials. Teleconference costs and the costs for printing the reports will be absorbed within the Legislative Affairs Agency budget. The Task Force will end on June 1, 2008.

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SB 278 – Sponsor Packet

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Nuiqsut
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Pilot Station
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Teller
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Wainwright
Wales
White Mountain

SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB 278, Alaska Climate Change Task Force

I introduced SB 278 to address the real implications that climate warming has for Alaska's economic and domestic well being. Climate change discussions usually center on the question of whether the measurable gradual warming we are currently experiencing is a natural cyclic change or the onset of some humanity induced environmental catastrophe. To many Alaskans, the reality of the warming situation is of direct and immediate concern that overshadows the global debate over causes and appropriate macro-solutions. What matters is that our region of the world is experiencing detrimental effects of the warming trend today and prospects for even the near future may be more damaging.

For these reasons, I think it is important for the state to take a hard and honest look at what can be expected if warming temperatures continue. What are the implications for the social and economic health of our citizens, communities, and industries? Right now there are too many unanswered questions. What effect will this have on our forests, fish and game resources, river and shore line erosion? What does it mean for permafrost stability in areas of our homes, our community facilities, our roads and airports, our pipeline? How will it affect new development opportunities in Arctic and sub Arctic Alaska?

SB 278 creates an Alaska Climate Change Task Force to review and analyze warming impacts on Alaska and its citizens. This task force will be made up of thirteen individuals from diverse backgrounds. Five will have some expertise in Arctic climatology, geology, engineering, ecology or other appropriate discipline. There are four representatives of state agencies that have key responsibilities for the state's resources and transportation infrastructure.

The task force is charged with the following:

- Assess current and potential aspects of climate warming on the citizens, natural resources, and economy,
- Estimate the costs to the state and its citizens caused by climate warming, and

- Make recommendations to address the near and long-term effects of climate change on Alaska.

Climate change is one of the most important challenges to our way of life. This legislation is an important first step in preparing the state for the impacts.

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Why It is Important for the Alaska Legislature to
Create an **Alaska Climate Change Commission or Task Force** in 2006
In Support of SB 278 and HCR 30

Why Alaska Needs a Climate Change Commission Now:

1) Climate change is significantly impacting Alaska. Throughout Alaska, climate change is affecting every aspect of our state: infrastructure; communities; fish and wildlife; forests and other vegetation; fire hazard; winter activities; sea ice; permafrost; glaciers; lakes and rivers; oceans; transportation; health; hunting and fishing opportunities; storms; and coastal erosion; while causing significant economic and social impacts for Alaska citizens.

2) These impacts need to be understood and quantified. Setting aside *causes* of this warming trend, state government should draw, to the greatest extent possible, upon the many scientific reports on the potential *effects* so that Alaska can:

- Reduce and adapt to these impacts through proactive mitigation, where possible;
- Seek appropriate federal appropriations and grants to address the impacts; and
- Begin capitalizing strategically on opportunities associated with climate change.
- Partner with states and corporations that are developing mitigation strategies.

3) The Commission should be established now. It is important to create the Commission *now* so that it can assemble - by 2008 - needed economic, scientific, engineering and public information about climate change in Alaska because:

- Certain impacts need prompt attention in terms of federal appropriations and/or other proactive mitigation;
- Federal legislation may be passed in the near future to address climate change. This legislation likely will have provisions regarding adaptation and compensation, and Alaska will need to provide detailed analysis and documentation to obtain its fair share.
- There is an increasing need among Alaska community leaders, state officials, planners, managers, businesses, and others to understand future scenarios for climate change and how they can and should most effectively respond to it.

Why a Climate Change Commission/Task Force Will Help Alaskans:

1) Coastal Communities at Risk

Problem: Climate change is threatening many of Alaska's coastal communities because of increased storms, erosion, warming permafrost and sea-level rise. A 2004 Government Accountability Office report estimated that 86 percent of Alaska Native villages experience flooding and erosion, with many in imminent danger. The estimated cost of relocating just one of these villages ranges from \$100 million to \$400 million.

Why a Commission/Task Force is Needed: The Commission will gather the data necessary to assess the scope of the problem; develop strategies for addressing the problem (engineering solutions, social service needs, relocation as necessary, etc.); and determine the costs for implementing those strategies, which will be communicated to our Congressional delegation and others.

2) Fisheries Threats

Problem: Warming ocean and river temperatures, increased siltation from melting glaciers, and new parasites and diseases threaten Alaska fisheries and the billion dollar economy and 49,000 jobs it supports. Salmon in particular are threatened by many aspects of climate change, with river temperatures increasing throughout Alaska and the emergence of the disease Ichthyophonus in Yukon River salmon.

Why a Commission/Task Force is Needed: The Commission will assess the threat to fisheries, analyze potential mitigation methodologies (including management, research, and enhancement), and make recommendations to the legislature based on the best information from ADF&G, the scientific community, fishermen, and others.

3) Permafrost Melting -- Impacts on Transportation and Other Infrastructure

Problem: Permafrost is found over approximately 80 percent of Alaska. The average temperature of permafrost in Alaska has increased 3°F since the early 1980s, leading to shrinking wetlands, lakes and ponds and damaging roads, buildings, airstrips, and utilities.

Why a Commission/Task Force is Needed: The Commission will assess the amount of damage that is likely to be caused by melting permafrost to existing structures and roads, quantify those costs for maintenance and mitigation relief, and help recommend the best available engineering and other solutions to minimize future infrastructure damage. This will benefit businesses throughout Alaska and Alaska's overall economy.

4) Forest Diseases, Fires and Other Concerns.

Problem: Climate change is having an impact on all of Alaska's forests. In Southeast, yellow cedar is dying off from root exposure in the winter; in Southcentral, nearly 4 million acres of mature white spruce forest was killed by spruce bark beetle infestation; in the Interior, forest fires have ravaged more than 10 million acres in the last three years.

Why a Commission/Task Force is Needed: Scientists, land managers, the legislature, and the public need to assess and then examine how adaptively manage our forests in a changing climate. Economic analysis is also need to determine what impacts these threats will have on the forest products industry and the hundreds of jobs it supports.

5) Public Health and Safety

Problem: Increased flooding and infrastructure damage, unstable river and sea ice, expanded animal ranges, rising temperatures, and other climate impacts will affect health and safety throughout Alaska. New diseases such as West Nile Virus could arrive, as well as.

Why a Commission/Task Force is Needed: To identify wastewater collection, treatment and disposal systems threatened by increased storms and unstable permafrost; analyze health impacts of the loss of traditional foods and hunting/fishing opportunities; and, develop a plan for treating emerging health effects.

6) Winter Events and Tourism

Problem: Many Alaskan communities depend on winter events to generate off season income. These events, such as Fur Rondy races, are often faced with cancellation, due to lack of snow. Community, private ski facilities and support businesses are opening later and later and are faced with declining revenues. Major tourist attractions such as Mendenhall Glacier and Portage Glacier are also at risk.

Why a Commission/Task Force is Needed: The Commission will assess which of these events, sites and facilities are most susceptible to climate change impacts and make appropriate recommendations.

7) Assessing Opportunities

Opportunities: Alaska has several potential opportunities associated with climate change, such as: opening the Arctic Ocean to summer vessel traffic and commercial fishing, increased agriculture, carbon sequestration, renewable energy, etc. Federal legislation is also being developed to address climate change that may include funding to help affected areas adapt to the impacts.

Why a Commission/Task Force is Needed: To capitalize quickly and fully on these opportunities, decision-makers need to understand what they are and what actions need to be taken to support them. The research and analysis will also help Alaska make the case to federal policymakers that assistance is needed to adapt to climate impacts.

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DATE: April 20, 2006

TO: Legislative Legal

FROM: Mary Jackson, Staff 
Senate Resources Committee

RE: SB 278 – Alaska Climate Change Task Force

The Senate Resources Committee adopted SB 278 with the following amendment:

Page 2, line 23, following "chairperson" insert:
"from among the members of the Legislature"

Please provide a final Senate Resources Committee Substitute that reflects that amendment as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and attention.



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April 19, 2006

Senator Thomas Wagoner, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
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Dear Senator Wagoner,

The United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA) supports SJR 17 in support of the "reopener" clause of the Exxon Valdez settlement with the State of Alaska.

UFA is in full support of pursuing the reopener clause for unforeseen damages, with the primary evidence that herring stocks have not rebounded to pre-spill abundance levels. Herring was commercially harvested in Prince William Sound before the spill, and is a critical forage fish for salmon, halibut and other commercial fisheries. It is clear that Alaska's fishermen continue to suffer unforeseen damages resulting from the spill.

UFA represents 31 Alaska commercial fishing organizations from fisheries throughout the state and its offshore waters, altogether representing thousands of Alaska commercial fishermen. We appreciate your consideration of our input on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Vinsel
Executive Director

Cc: Senator Hollis French
Senator Johnny Ellis
Senator Kim Elton

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Driggers Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Armstrong Keta • At-sea Processors Association
Bristol Bay Reserve • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Fishing Vessel Owners Association • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association
Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
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March 1, 2006

MEMORANDUM

To: Senator Wagoner, Chair
Senate Resources Committee

From: Senator Olson 

Re: Committee schedule for SB 278, Alaska Climate Change Task Force

I would appreciate a resources committee hearing of SB 278 at your earliest convenience. A sponsor statement and sectional is forthcoming. If you need any other information, please contact me or Dave Gray in my office.

Thank you for consideration of this request.

**Alaska Climate Change Commission/Task Force
Proposed Witness List**

Science

Glenn Patrick Juday, UAF, forest impacts

Vladimir Romanovsky, UAF, permafrost

Matthew Sturm, US Army Corps of Engineers, Cold Regions Research Laboratory, snow cover and shrub growth

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Michael Zacharof, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association