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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/14/18

FURTHER: Rules

DATE TURNED IN TO OFFICE: 4/17/18

Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23(RES)

HCR 23 PROTECT WILDLIFE FROM FOREIGN PATHOGENS

Supporting enhanced efforts to protect wildlife and domestic animals in the state from infectious diseases, foreign pathogens, and nonendemic parasites.

and recommends:

- be replaced with SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change New Title/SCR No. _____
- adopt previous SCS _____ (_____) Same Title Technical Title Change New Title/SCR No. _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt _____ Letter of Intent
- further referral to _____ Committee

Dept Abbr.	
ADM	LWF
CED	LAW
COR	LEG
EED	MVA
DEC	DNR
DFG	DPS
GOV	REV
DHS	DOT
AJS	UA

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S)				
Dept.	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN #
LEG			✓	1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	PRINTED LAST NAME	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
	Lielechowski	✓			
	Bishop	✓			
	Cashill				
	Stedman	✓			
	Meyer	✓			
CHAIR:	Giesel	✓			

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2018 Legislative Session

Bill Version:	CSHCR 23(RES)
Fiscal Note Number:	1
(H) Publish Date:	3/29/2018

Identifier: HCR23-LEG-SESS-03-16-18
 Title: PROTECT WILDLIFE FROM FOREIGN
 PATHOGENS
 Sponsor: JOSEPHSON
 Requester: HOUSE RESOURCES

Department:
 Appropriation:
 Allocation:
 OMB Component Number: 0

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2019	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2019 Request	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2019	FY 2019					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2019) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency?
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

INITIAL VERSION. ONE PAGE, ZERO NOTE.

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Senator Cathy Giessel, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
State Capitol Room 427
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Giessel:

The Alaska Farm Bureau agrees with the idea in CSHCR 23 of encouraging agencies to protect wildlife and domestic animals and we appreciate the amendments made in House Resources. It is important with this resolution to note if the intent is to encourage agencies to gather information and make science-based management decisions with necessary and prudent measures put in place, or is it to encourage enhanced efforts to take actions to prevent the spread of diseases and pathogens.

There can be significant differences between the two possible intents. With the current Movi issue, these agencies are taking necessary and prudent steps to gather Alaska specific information in order to take appropriate actions to minimize the risk of disease outbreaks. Enhancing efforts and taking actions to prevent spread of disease and pathogens can be a more extreme approach. Had actions been taken to "prevent" the spread of Movi from domestics to wildlife before conducting the current study we're doing, we probably wouldn't have learned that Movi is already in the wild populations. It has been detected in the Brooks Range where it is most likely not due to contact with a domestic sheep or goat.

While this resolution may seem harmless, and it is good for the legislature to encourage agencies to do their job, we're concerned that it's being used to push a very extreme and costly agenda; mandatory testing, Movi testing for imports, having an "Movi Free" Alaska. To go "Movi free" will be extremely costly to Alaska and our producers. There are very few diseases that have been eradicated; a disease recently declared eradicated (rinderpest) took a world wide effort multiple decades to accomplish. This was a very harmful disease to multiple species. Movi is an incompletely understood bacteria, we need to understand it better before trying to go "Movi free".

Another part to carefully consider in HCR 23 is the whereas referencing the "catastrophic die-offs" in North America due to diseases. While Movi played a role in the Bighorn sheep die-offs, there were several factors involved including drastic loss of habitat due to urban expansion, also a 10 year drought that further reduced access to food. It is true that diseases and pathogens can result in costly and problematic die-offs in both domestic and

wild populations, but use of "catastrophic die-offs" is an attempt to get a fear based decision made.

Before Senators offer their support for this seemingly harmless resolution, we urge you to really consider what the intent should be. The Alaska Farm Bureau does support protecting our wild and domestic animals with appropriate steps that are justified with facts and science. We do not support taking extreme actions to try and reach zero risk of spreading pathogens; zero risk is unattainable.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,



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