

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 2003-2004

SB

137

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SB 173

was referred to the
Senate Finance
Committee

No hearing was held
on this bill

SB

139

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

(11)

Date Referred to Committee: April 15, 2003

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 5/1/03

The FINANCE Committee considered:

SB 139

SENATE BILL NO. 139

AK SALMON PRICE REPORT PROGRAM

"An Act repealing the termination date of the Alaska salmon price report program; and providing for an effective date."

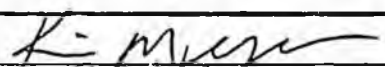
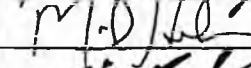

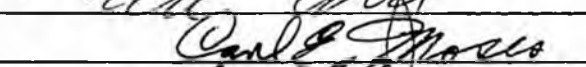


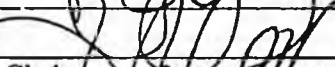
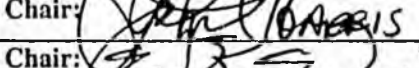
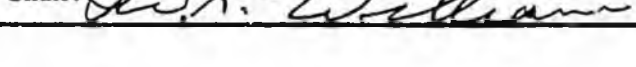
Recommends it be replaced with HCS or CS for _____ (_____)
 For Senate Bills with new title: Technical Title New Title: HCR _____ Same Title New Title

- attach amendments
- add new referral to _____ Committee
- Letter of Intent _____ Committee

List of Abbrev for Depts.:
 ADM
 CED
 COR
 CRT
 EED
 DEC
 DFG
 GOV
 HSS
 LEG
 LAW
 LWF
 MVA
 DNR
 DPS
 REV
 DOT
 UA

<u>NEW FISCAL NOTES</u>				
*Assigned by Chief Clerk's Office				
List by Dept(s):	*FN#	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero
REV		✓		

<u>PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTES</u>				
List by Dept(s):	FN#	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero

<u>Signing with recommendations</u>	Printed Last Name	DP	DNP	NR	AM
	Meyer	✓			
	Hawken	✓			
	Stoltz			✓	
	MOSES	✓			
	Chenault	✓			
	Whitaker	✓			
	FOSTER	x			
Chair: 	HARRIS	✓			
Chair: 	Williams	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB139
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
 Title Alaska Salmon Price BRU Revenue Operations
Report Program Component Tax Division
 Sponsor Senator Dyson
 Requester Senate Resources Committee Component No. 2476

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type-Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*
 This legislation would remove the June 30, 2003 sunset date in statute, thereby allowing the Department of Revenue Tax Division to continue compiling and producing the Alaska Salmon Price Report. This legislation would not require an additional appropriation.

The Tax Division is required, under AS 43.80.050-.055, to collect from fish processors a multitude of information on catches, prices and volumes, and then prepare the Salmon Price Report, which is distributed three times a year.

The Tax Division, in its budget submission for Fiscal Year 2004, proposes changing the funding source for the Salmon Price Report (\$50,000 per year) from state General Fund to federal money (Salmon Treaty funding through the Department of Fish and Game).

Prepared by: Larry Persily, Deputy Commissioner Phone 465-5469
 Division Department of Revenue Date/Time 5/1/03 6:24 PM
 Approved by: Larry Persily, Deputy Commissioner Date 5/1/2003
 Agency Department of Revenue

SPONSOR STATEMENT

SB 139

“An act repealing the termination date of the Alaska Salmon Price Report program”

The Alaska Salmon Price Report provides important economic data to the commercial salmon industry, allowing both processing companies and fishermen access to market information organized in a useful way. The report tracks salmon production by product form, area and value, giving the industry a tool with which to assess inventory, compare statistics with other sources and negotiate prices.

Reliable data from independent sources is often hard to come by in the seafood business, making it hard to do economic analysis. The ASPR is a valuable resource, providing data that are used by thousands of Alaskans and state and federal agencies every year. AS 43.80.055 established the ASPR but it will sunset on July 1, 2003. Therefore, SB 139 will repeal the sunset date and will permanently establish the ASPR in statute.

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
 Bill Version: SB 139
 (S) Publish Date: 4/2/03

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Prepared by: Larry Persily, Deputy Commissioner Phone 465-5469
 Division Department of Revenue Date/Time 3/28/03 5:37 PM
 Approved by: Larry Persily, Deputy Commissioner Date 3/28/2003
 Agency Department of Revenue



UNITED FISHERMEN OF ALASKA

April 15, 2003

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Representative John Harris
Representative Bill Williams
Co-Chair
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol (MS 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representatives Harris and Williams,

United Fishermen of Alaska supports SB 139 for the renewal of the Alaska Salmon Price Report. The ASPR has proven to be of great benefit to fishermen, coastal communities, and businesses as well agencies of the State of Alaska and the federal government.

In this time of change facing the salmon industry, this accurate and timely information about the market conditions is critical to the progress that we seek in ensuring the health of our salmon fishing families and communities and the businesses that depend on them. If the Alaska Salmon Price Report is not renewed, we will lose one of the necessary roadmaps on our difficult path forward.

We strongly urge your support of SB 139 to ensure the continuation of this vital source of information.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Gemmell
Executive Director

Copy: Representative Kevin Meyer
Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Richard Foster
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Bill Stoltze
Representative Jim Whitaker

Representative Eric Croft
Representative Reggie Joule
Representative Carl Moses
Senator Fred Dyson

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Alaska Crab Coalition • Alaska Druggers Association • Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association • Alaska Trollers Association • At-sea Processors Association • Bristol Bay Reserve
Chignik Regional Aquaculture Association • Chignik Seiners Association • Concerned Area "M" Fishermen • Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association • Cordova District Fishermen United
Crab Rationalization and Buyback Group • Douglas Island Pink and Chum • Groundfish Forum • Kenai Peninsula Fishermen's Association • Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association
Kodiak Seiners Association • North Pacific Fisheries Association • Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association • Old Harbor Fishermen's Association
Petersburg Vessel Owners Association • Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation • Purse Seine Vessel Owners Association • Seafood Producers Cooperative
Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association • Southeast Alaska Seiners Association • Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association
United Cook Inlet Drift Association • United Salmon Association • United Southeast Alaska Gillnetters • Western Gulf of Alaska Fishermen

March 4, 2003

To whom it May Concern:

This is a letter of support from the Salmon Market Information Service concerning renewal legislation for the Alaska Salmon Price Report (ASPR).

The ASPR was established in 2000 by Alaska Statute 43.80.055. The legislation contains a "sunset" clause that will cause the ASPR to expire in July 2003 unless legislative action is taken to correct it and make the report permanent. Loss of the ASPR would reduce the ability of the Salmon Market Information Service to provide timely and pertinent market information to Alaska salmon permit holders and others.

The Salmon Market Information Service (SMIS) is charged with informing Alaska salmon permit holders and others about market conditions for Alaska salmon. The Alaska Salmon Price Report is an important tool for the SMIS in fulfilling this charge.

- SMIS publishes the Salmon Market Bulletin, a market periodical distributed to over 3,000 subscribers. Data from the ASPR or derived using ASPR figures, is published regularly in the Salmon Market Bulletin. Six of the last ten Salmon Market Bulletins draw significant portions of their content from the ASPR.
- ASPR data enables the SMIS to crosscheck statistics from other sources, such as NMFS foreign trade data. While ASPR and NMFS data are substantially different in terms of basis, the ASPR provides an important means to identify obvious problems with foreign trade statistics, most recently with the July 2002 NMFS export data.
- Since the ASPR is specific to month and area, the SMIS can more accurately assess and report the progression of sales. For instance, first wholesale value of Bristol Bay H&G frozen sockeye ranged between \$1.46 and \$1.81 per pound during June - August 2002. However, the bulk of sales volume during that period (84 percent) occurred in July, at the highest price. Having access to the monthly ASPR data enables both fishermen and processors to accurately represent their interests, using objective data from an impartial source.
- ASPR data enables the Salmon Market Information Service to make timely canned salmon inventory estimates, which would not exist otherwise. State officials use these estimates as the basis to request USDA canned pink salmon surplus reduction purchases, as recently as February 2003. The canned salmon inventory estimates would be impossible without ASPR data.

Dependable statistics from government sources become more important to industry as the voluntary reporting of seafood industry statistics has declined in recent years. National Food Processors Association (NFPA) ceased voluntary reporting of canned salmon inventories several years ago. Processing and harvesting sector representatives agreed to use SMIS canned salmon inventory estimates at an October 2002 meeting. Renewing the ASPR will enable SMIS to continue providing that information.

Chris McDowell

Project Manager, Salmon Market Information Service

Cordova District Fishermen United

Celebrating 65 Years of Service to Commercial Fishermen in Cordova, Alaska
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March 17, 2003

Senate Resources Committee
c/o Senator Scott Ogan
State Capitol (ME 3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO 907.465.3625

RE: SUPPORT FOR SB 139

Dear Members,

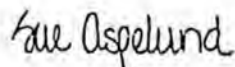
Cordova District Fishermen United (CDFU) represents the hardworking fishing families of Area E—Prince William Sound and the Copper River. We are pleased to provide comment to you regarding our support for SB 139.

Timely, accurate, and verifiable reporting of wholesale values of Alaska's salmon, as well as known production, provides a variety of benefits to our industry, coastal communities, programs dependent upon ex-vessel value assessments, and the State of Alaska. SB 139 provides continuation of a proven mechanism for gathering and providing the information forms the basis for better decision-making by those dependent upon the Alaska Salmon Price Report.

We are all too well aware of the vagaries of natural resource markets. Access to timely and accurate information regarding the condition of salmon markets will afford more accurate evaluation of the myriad of decisions that are constantly being made by those impacted by Alaska's salmon fisheries.

We urge your support for SB 139.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sue Aspelund
Executive Director

cc: Senator Fred Dyson

Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance

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March 29, 2003

Senate Resources Committee
Senator Scott Ogan, Chair
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Mail Stop 3100
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Support SB 139

Senator Ogan,

The Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance supports passage of SB 139 that repeals the termination date of the Alaska salmon price report program. This program as is has been in place for three years now. The fishermen use this report for price negotiations with the processors and it provides information regarding the salmon pack.

The Southeast Alaska Fishermen's Alliance is a fishermen's membership organization representing our members involved in the salmon, crab, shrimp and longline fisheries of Southeast Alaska.

Sincerely,

Kathy Hansen

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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Office of the Secretary

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FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

DATE: April 10, 2003
TO: Finance Committee
(Mindy, Room 520)
FROM: Office of the Senate Secretary
SUBJ: Referral Change

The Senate President has added/changed the referral(s) on the following bills(s):

RETRIEVE

SENATE BILL NO. 139

"An Act repealing the termination date of the Alaska salmon price report program;
and providing for an effective date."

Please give the bill file(s) to the page delivering this message. The bill file(s) may be returned to your Committee, if appropriate, after the designated changes have been made.

Thank you.

SB

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/14/03

REPORTED DATE
APR 30 2003
SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE
SENATE BILL NO. 142

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/30/03

Finance Committee considered

SB 142 DNR LEAD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

"An Act designating the Department of Natural Resources as lead agency for resource development projects; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DEC	3/31/03		✓	2
DNR	3/11/03	✓		1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>John L. Taylor</i>	✓			
<i>James C. ...</i>			✓	
<i>Ben ...</i>	✓			
<i>Ben ...</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>Lyle ...</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>...</i>	✓			

FISCAL NOTE

REPORTED OUT
APR 30 2003
SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 142
(S) Publish Date: 3/12/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
Title: Designating Dept. of Natural Resources as BRU: Resource Development
lead agency for resource development projects Component: Development Special Projects
Sponsor: Rules
Requester: Governor Component No.: 2039

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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

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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)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 362

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: *(Attach a separate page if necessary)*
Funding for this legislation is included in the FY04 Governor's operating budget request. Under this legislation, DNR will establish an Office of Project Management and Permitting. This office will lead and coordinate all matters relating to the state's review and authorization of resource development projects. The purpose of the office is to facilitate and expedite resource development of large projects by coordinating and streamlining the permitting activities of all state agencies with authority over a project. To accomplish this DNR is requesting funding to establish the office and develop the program base for an on-going program. DNR is requesting five positions that will serve as project managers and coordinators.

Prepared by: Dick LeFebvre, Deputy Commissioner Phone: 269-8427
Division: Commissioner's Office Date/Time: 3/11/2003
Approved by: Tom Irwin, Commissioner Date: 3/11/2003
Agency: Natural Resources

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 142 FN #1

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

These positions will be responsible for negotiating agreements and managing the overall state project review and permitting activities of all agencies with jurisdiction over a project. These positions will work with other state and federal agencies and local government to facilitate review and permitting.

Funding for the remainder of FY03 (May and June) is requested in the amount of \$36.2. This allows DNR to establish two of the requested positions to get the office started and begin the effort of streamlining the permitting process. Position costs are estimated at \$7.8/month per position for a total of \$31.2. Additional start up costs for space and computers are estimated at \$5.0.

FISCAL NOTE

REPORTED OUT

APR 30 2003

SENATE FINANCE
2 COMMITTEE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
Bill Version: SB 142
(S) Publish Date: 4/14/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: DEC
Title DNR lead for Resource Development Projects BRU Administrative Services
Sponsor Rules Component Office of the Commissioner
Requester Senate Resources Component No. 633

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
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TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

POSITIONS	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the department.

Prepared by: Mary Siroky, Legislative Liaison
Division: Statewide Public Services
Approved by: Kurt Fredriksson, Deputy Commissioner
Agency: Department of Environmental Conservation

Phone: 465-5355
Date/Time: 3/31/03 11:28 AM
Date: 3/31/2003

Amendment #1

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
4/130/2003 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 142		
Amendment	#1		
Motion	Amend		
Motion by	Olson		
Objection by	Wilken!		
Removed			
Second Objection by			
<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Vote</u>	<u>N</u>
Senator Bunde			✓
Senator Hoffman	✓		
Senator Olson	✓		
Senator Stevens			✓
Senator Taylor			✓
Co-Chair Green			✓
Co-Chair Wilken			✓
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea	2		
Nay	5		
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>	FAILS		

Conceptual Amendment:

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
 / / 2003 COMMITTEE ACTION

Bill Number	SB 142		
Amendment	Adopt Version A		
Motion	Bunde		
<u>Motion by</u>			
<u>Objection by</u>			
<u>Removed</u>			
<u>Second Objection by</u>			
<u>Committee Member</u>	Y	<u>Vote</u>	N
Senator Hoffman			
Senator Olson			
Senator Stevens			
Senator Taylor			
Senator Bunde			
Co-Chair Green			
Co-Chair Wilken			
<u>Tally</u>			
Yea			
Nay			
Absent			
<u>MOTION</u>			

No objections

STATE OF ALASKA

FRANK H. MURKOWSKI, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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April 15, 2003

The Honorable Lyda Green
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 516
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Gary Wilken
Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senators Green and Wilken:

I am writing to request a hearing as soon as possible for SB 142, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Lead Agency bill. The purpose of this bill is to facilitate and expedite resource development in Alaska. In recent years, the laws governing resource development have proliferated, and there are now more agencies than ever with permitting authority over large projects. Resource development should not be held up by the sheer complexity of government. This bill is intended to alleviate that problem. The bill amends AS 38.05.020(b) to specifically allow DNR to lead and coordinate resource development projects.

DNR presently has statutory authority as lead agency for mining projects. This bill would authorize DNR to lead and coordinate the permitting activities of all agencies with jurisdiction over the project and would repeal existing statutes in AS 46.35 regarding permit coordination. The result of DNR's efforts as lead agency will be better communication, more efficient permitting, consolidated public process, and stable funding for the state's permitting process.

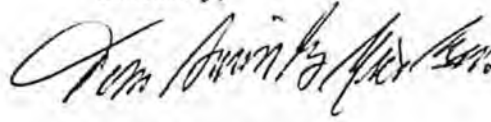
DNR will establish the Office of Project Management and Permitting to carry out its lead responsibilities. This office will lead and coordinate all matters relating to the state's review and authorization of resource development projects. The Governor's Budget contains funding to establish a project team consisting of five people in order to implement the project team concept on a broad basis.

This bill passed out of Senate Resources with four "do-pass" votes and one "no recommendation." For your information, I have enclosed the Governor's Transmittal Letter, a Sectional Analysis of the bill and a brief summary.

"Develop, Conserve, and Enhance Natural Resources for Present and Future Alaskans."

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Janet Burleson Baxter at (907) 465-4730 if you have any questions. You may also contact Dick LeFebvre, our Deputy Commissioner at (907) 269-8432.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Irwin".

Thomas E. Irwin
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Mike Tibbles, Legislative Liaison, Governor's Office

SB 142/ HB 192

Sectional Analysis

8 April, 2003

Sec. 1 -

This section is simple and self-explanatory.

Sec. 2 & Sec. 3 -

These two sections preserve, rather than change, current law. One of the current statutes to be deleted under Sec. 4, AS 46.35.090, includes this same exemption of ADEC permit decisions from the APA hearing procedures. See AS 46.35.090 (e). Sections 3 and 4 of this bill simply transplant that provision to AS 46.03 and AS 46.04, respectively. Detailed procedures governing ADEC's hearings are set out at 18 AAC 15.195 *et seq.*

Sec. 4 -

This section repeals almost all of the current Environmental Procedures Coordination Act, AS 46.35. Enacted in 1977, that Act gave ADEC the role of coordinating the state's authorization of projects requiring multiple permits from different agencies. However, in practice, the Act has seen little or no use. This bill would repeal that Act to reflect that DNR, rather than DEC, should assume the lead agency role. This section also deletes two other provisions in existing law that reference AS 46.35.

Provided by the Department of Natural Resources

Department of Natural Resources
SB 142/HB192, DNR Lead Agency for resource development projects
April 8, 2003

The purpose of the bill is to better facilitate and expedite resource development in Alaska. In recent years, the laws governing resource development have proliferated, and there are more agencies than ever with permitting authority over large resource development projects. Resource development should not be held up by the sheer complexity of government. This bill is intended to alleviate that problem.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presently has statutory authority as lead agency for mining projects. The bill authorizes DNR to lead and coordinate the permitting activities of all agencies with jurisdiction over all resource development projects and repeals existing statutes in AS 46.35 regarding permit coordination.

DNR will establish the Office of Project Management and Permitting to carry out its lead responsibilities. This office will lead and coordinate all matters relating to the state's review and authorization of resource development projects. The purpose of the office is to facilitate and expedite resource development of large projects by coordinating and streamlining the permitting activities of all state agencies with authority over a project. The results of the DNR's efforts as lead agency will be better communication, better coordination among departments, more efficient permitting, consolidated public process, and stable funding for the state's permitting process.

The repeal of the AS 46.35 provision necessitates the relocation of unrelated language specific to the Department of Environmental Conservation permit decision to more appropriate locations in AS 46.03 and AS 46.04 as set out in Sections 2 and 3 of the bill.

Department of Natural Resources
HB192/SB 142, DNR Lead Agency for resource development projects
April 25, 2003

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CS for SB 142

Sectional Analysis

21 April, 2003

Sec. 1 –

This section allows, but does not require, the commissioner of natural resources to lead and coordinate state review and authorization of resource development projects. The lead agency role made possible by this section does not override the substantive decisionmaking power conferred on other agencies by other statutes, nor does it override procedural requirements established elsewhere.

Sec. 2 –

This section, made effective by sec. 10 only on July 1, 2007, would reenact verbatim present-day AS 41.17.085(a). The reenactment reverses the effect of secs. 7 and 9 of the bill, which repeal AS 41.17.085(a) effective immediately.

Present-day AS 41.17.085(a) is a provision that coordinates the Forest Practices Act with the Environmental Procedures Coordination Act of 1977, a multi-agency permit coordination bill that fell into disuse two or more decades ago.

Sec. 3 –

This section, made effective by sec. 10 only on July 1, 2007, would reenact verbatim present-day AS 46.03.020(11). The reenactment reverses the effect of secs. 7 and 9 of the bill, which repeal AS 46.03.020(11) effective immediately.

Present-day AS 46.03.020(11) is a provision that empowers DEC to implement the Environmental Procedures Coordination Act of 1977, a multi-agency permit coordination bill that fell into disuse two or more decades ago.

Secs. 4 and 5 –

These two sections preserve, rather than change, current law. One of the current statutes to be repealed under sec. 7, AS 46.35.090, includes this same exemption of DEC permit decisions from the APA hearing

procedures. See AS 46.35.090 (e). Sections 3 and 4 of this bill simply transplant that provision to AS 46.03 and AS 46.04, respectively. Detailed procedures governing ADEC's hearings are set out at 18 AAC 15.195 *et seq.*

Sec. 6 –

This section, made effective by sec. 10 only on July 1, 2007, would reenact verbatim the current Environmental Procedures Coordination Act, AS 46.35. The reenactment reverses the effect of secs. 7 and 9 of the bill, which repeal AS 46.03.020(11) effective immediately. Included in the reenactment is the final sentence of present-day AS 46.35090(e), the provision transplanted in secs. 4 and 5.

Enacted in 1977, the Environmental Procedures Coordination Act gave ADEC the role of coordinating the state's authorization of projects requiring multiple permits from different agencies. In practice, the Act has seen little or no use. The list of permits at present-day AS 46.35.200(4), to be reenacted as AS 46.35.201(4) by this section, is somewhat outdated.

Sec. 7 –

This section repeals almost all of the current Environmental Procedures Coordination Act, AS 46.35. Enacted in 1977, that Act gave ADEC the role of coordinating the state's authorization of projects requiring multiple permits from different agencies. In practice, the Act has seen little or no use. This bill would repeal that Act to reflect that DNR, rather than DEC, should assume the lead agency role. This section also deletes two other provisions in existing law that reference AS 46.35, described in secs. 2 and 3 above.

Sec. 8 –

This section, made effective by sec. 10 on July 1, 2007, would repeal the main provision of the bill, the provision making DNR the lead agency for resource development projects. It would also repeal the transplanted provisions regarding DEC appeal procedures, in keeping with the reenactment in sec. 6 of the current version of those provisions.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/12/03

FURTHER:

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3/27/03
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/14/03

Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 142

SB 142 DNR LEAD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

"An Act designating the Department of Natural Resources as lead agency for resource development projects; making conforming amendments; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS SB142 (RES)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:**
 same title
 new title
- House Bill:**
 same title
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 new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DEC	3/31/03		✓	2

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DNR	3/11/03	✓		1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:		DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
B. Stevens	<i>Ben Stevens</i>	✓			
Wagoner	<i>Tom Wagoner</i>	✓			
Dyson	<i>Paul Dyson</i>	✓			
Elton	<i>K. Elton</i>			✓	
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STATE OF ALASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
JUNEAU

March 11, 2003

The Honorable Gene Therriault
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 107
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Therriault:

Under the authority of art. III, sec. 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill designating the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as the lead state agency in the permitting of resource development projects in this state.

The purpose of this bill is to facilitate and expedite resource development in Alaska. In recent years, the laws governing resource development have proliferated, and there are now more agencies than ever with permitting authority over large projects. Resource development should not be held up by the sheer complexity of government. This bill is intended to alleviate that problem.

This bill would authorize the DNR to lead and coordinate the permitting activities of all agencies with jurisdiction over the project and would repeal existing statutes in AS 46.35 regarding permit coordination. The result of the DNR's efforts as lead agency will be better communication, more efficient permitting, consolidated public process, and stable funding for the state's permitting process.

The repeal of the AS 46.35 provisions necessitates the relocation of unrelated language, specific to Department of Environmental Conservation permit decisions, to more appropriate locations in AS 46.03 and AS 46.04, as set out in secs. 2 and 3 of the bill.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on this measure.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Frank H. Murkowski in black ink.
Frank H. Murkowski
Governor

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SIGN-IN

SB 142-DNR LEAD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

✓ NAME: Commissioner Tom Iwan Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: DNR Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Kurt Fredriksson Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: Deputy Commission DEC Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Janet B Baxter Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: DNR Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

NAME: Mary Siroky Subject/Bill No: _____
Co./Dept./Title: DEC Phone: _____
Address: _____ Zip: _____
Do you wish to testify? Yes No Respond To Questions

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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SENATE FINANCE
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SENATE BILL NO. 146

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/30/03

Finance Committee considered

SB 146 COMMEMORATIVE VETERANS LICENSE PLATE

"An Act relating to a commemorative veterans' license plate; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
Admin	4/2/03	13.5		1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Adrian Taylor</i>	✓			
<i>David ...</i>	✓			
<i>C. ...</i>			✓	
COCHAIR: <i>Linda Green</i>			✓	
COCHAIR: <i>Gov. Wilbur</i>	✓			

SENATE BILL NO. 146

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATORS GUESS, Ellis

Introduced: 3/17/03

Referred: State Affairs, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to a commemorative veterans' license plate; and providing for an
2 effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 28.10.181 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (w) Special request plates commemorating Alaska veterans. Upon application
6 by the owner of a passenger vehicle, van, pick-up truck, or motor home, the
7 department may issue registration plates commemorating Alaska veterans. The
8 commissioner shall determine the design and color of plates commemorating Alaska
9 veterans. The department may disapprove the issuance of registration plates under this
10 subsection when the requested plates are a duplication of an existing registration.

11 * Sec. 2. AS 28.10.421(d) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

12 (16) special request plates commemorating Alaska veterans \$100
13 plus a fee of \$35 and the fee required for that vehicle under (b)(1) or (2) of this
14 section; the \$100 fee required by this paragraph shall be collected only on the first

1 issuance of and the replacement of the commemorative veterans' plates; the \$35 fee
2 required by this paragraph shall be collected biennially in the same manner as the fee
3 required under (b)(1) or (2) of this section; the commissioner of administration shall
4 separately account for the fees received under this paragraph that the department
5 deposits in the general fund; notwithstanding (g) of this section, the annual estimated
6 balance in the account that is in excess of the cost of issuing special request plates may
7 be appropriated by the legislature for the support of programs benefiting Alaska
8 veterans.

9 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 2003.

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SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 146
(S) Publish Date: 4/9/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Administration
Title: An act relating to commemorative BRU: Motor Vehicles
veterans' license plates... Component: Motor Vehicles
Sponsor: Senator Guess
Requester: (S) STA Component No.: 2348

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	2.9				2.9	
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	13.5	13.5	16.3	16.3	19.1	19.1
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	2.9				2.9	
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0
Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
The contract cost for special-design plates is \$4.70 per pair plus a one time set-up cost of \$500.00. The initial order of plates will be 500 pairs. The initial operating budget expenditure will be \$2850.00.

Revenue - There is a one-time cost of \$100 plus \$35 at each biennial registration renewal for this special plate. It is estimated that 100 vehicle owners per year will obtain this registration. The annual revenue for the first two years would be \$13,500. After the first two years it is assumed that 80% of the owners will continue this registration.

Examples of comparable plate sales in FY02: UAF-20, UAA-4, UAS-2, Childrens' Trust-149.

Prepared by: Charles R. Hosack Phone: 269-5559
Division: Motor Vehicles Date/Time: 4/1/03
Approved by: Mike Miller, Commissioner Date: 4/2/2003
Agency: Department of Administration

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SENATOR GRETCHEN GUESS

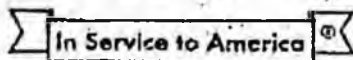
Sponsor Statement **SB 146**

" An Act relating to commemorative veterans' license plate; and providing for an effective date."

Senate Bill 146 creates a special request license plate commemorating veterans. These plates would be available for any Alaskan to purchase to show their support for veterans and the money may be appropriated for veterans' programs. The license plates could be purchased for a one time fee of \$100, with a biennial renewal fee of \$35.

Currently, many special request plates exist in Alaska. License plates to benefit the Alaska Children's Trust, commemorating the arts, and plates to support dog mushing programs are available for purchase. Although veterans can purchase plates that recognize their military service, no license plate currently exists for Alaskans to show their support for veterans.

Proceeds from the sale of these plates as well as the renewal fees may be set aside for programs benefiting Alaska veterans, including an Alaska Veterans' Home. Alaska is the only state without a veterans' home.



**Chapter 904 - Anchorage, Alaska
"An Agenda of Service"**

April 8, 2003

Senator Gretchen Guess
Alaska State Senate
Juneau, Alaska

TESTIMONY on SB146

My name is Ted Taylor and I am the President of Chapter 904 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Our organization, although only a year plus old, has and continues to be an active and visible advocate for the development and operation of a Veterans Home in Anchorage.

But, we have taken a different approach than what many would expect. We believe in taking care of our own and have advocated private contributions to a state fund that would augment whatever the state and the federal Veterans Administration offers for the design, construction, and operation of our first Veterans Home.

We strongly support SB146 as an appropriate means to generate recognition for our veterans and those who are still active in the armed forces of the United States, but also as a means to recognize veterans who need assistance.

We would also like to offer our services in the plate design. We have unique skills in the membership of our organization that we believe can be of significant assistance in this area.

I am also delivering today a copy of the formal position of our organization as a result of a vote of the general membership in support of SB146.

If you have any questions I would be most pleased to attempt to answer them.


Ted Taylor
President

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**Chapter 904 - Anchorage, Alaska
"An Agenda of Service"**

April 8, 2003

Senator Gretchen Guess
Alaska State Senate
Juneau, Alaska

TESTIMONY on SB 146


As you know the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 904 has been a strong advocate of the development and operation of an Alaskan Veterans Home and of efforts that could provide the necessary funds. We believe SB146 will greatly assist in allowing individual Alaskans not only to express their support for our men and women in uniform, but also help provide for those veterans in need later in their lives.

We strongly support immediate passage of SB146 as it will provide one source of funding, on a voluntary basis to any Alaskan, for the much needed Alaska Veterans Home.

If it is at all possible, the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 904 would like to participate in the design of the new plate.

This testimony directly reflects the unanimous vote by the general membership of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 904 in support of SB146. Please submit this for the public record.

Testimony provided by:


Ric Davidge
Chairman, Legislative Affairs
VV, Chapter 904

E-mail message

From: skinnally@alaska.net (Steve Kinnally)
Date: Mon, Apr 7, 2003, 7:36pm
To: tayloranchorak@webtv.net (Ted Taylor)
Subject: SB 146

To the Honorable Representatives and Senators,

I urge you to favorably consider SB 146, for a proposed Veterans' Commemorative License Plate, fees from which would be applied to a "Stand-alone" Alaska Veterans' Home fund. As a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 904 in Anchorage, it has been a primary goal of our organization to establish such a facility because, frankly, we might need it someday soon ourselves! Without detracting from the value of the current Pioneers' (and veterans) Homes, the sheer numbers of Alaska veterans will soon overcome the capacity of a "catch-all" facility. We Alaskans owe it to our veterans, as much as to our venerated Pioneers, to provide a place close to home in which to spend their final years. Please give passage of this bill your utmost, and most favorable consideration. Sincerely, Steven J. Kinnally, PA-C, CDR USNR(ret.), USMC-Vietnam, 1970-71.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/17/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 3/27/03
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED 4/9/03
IN TO OFFICE:

State Affairs Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 146

SB 146 COMMEMORATIVE VETERANS LICENSE PLATE

"An Act relating to a commemorative veterans' license plate; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)

adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)

attached amendment(s)

adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee

further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

same title

new title

House Bill:

same title

technical title

new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
DOA	4/9/03	✓		1

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
Cowdery <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
Dyson <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
Guess <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
G. Stevens <i>[Signature]</i> CHAIR:	✓			

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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE: 4/17/03

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SENATE FINANCE
SENATE BILL NO. 147

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/25/03

Finance Committee considered

SB 147 CONTROL OF NUISANCE WILD ANIMALS

"An Act relating to control of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

- same title
- new title

House Bill:

- same title
- technical title
- new: SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
FRG	4/14/03	✓		1

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Adrian Taylor</i>	✓			
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<i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
<i>Ben Stevens</i>	✓			
COCHAIR: <i>[Signature]</i>	✓			
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SENATE FINANCE
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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 147
(S) Publish Date: 4/17/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
Title Control of Nuisance Wild Animals BRU Wildlife Conservation
Component Wildlife Conservation
Sponsor Senator Green
Requester Senate Resources Component No. 473

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
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 (1024)	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
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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)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 0.0

Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The cost of modifying license forms, the increased burden of administration, and anticipated revenue generated by this legislation are all expected to be insignificant. Depending on how this legislation is implemented by the Board of Game, some staff time is likely to be required to review and/or monitor activities of licensees, but this is expected to be minor.

It is difficult to project the number of persons who would annually obtain the \$100 nuisance wild animal control license.

Prepared by: Ryan Scott, Wildlife Biologist Phone 465-6197
Division Wildlife Conservation Date/Time 4/14/03 3:39 PM
Approved by: Kevin C. Duffy, Commissioner Date 4/14/2003
Agency Alaska Department of Fish and Game

WITHDRAWN

SENATE FINANCE
COMMITTEE

Amendment Number: #1
Bill Number: SB 147
Sponsor: Olson Date: 4/23/03
Logged In By: Mindy

In Senate Finance

AMENDMENT

By Olson

To: SB 147

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Insert "and subject to AS 16.30.010".

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Airport Critical Habitat Area. If the department develops a management plan for the critical habitat area, the department shall consult with the advisory committee, and the plan must allow guaranteed access to and continued public fishing, hunting, and trapping activities and opportunities in the area. Among appointments to the advisory committee the department shall include

- (1) industry and commercial users and hunters, trappers, fishermen, and recreational users recommended by the City of Homer;
- (2) an official representing the City of Homer; and
- (3) a representative of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. (§ 2 ch 39 SLA 1996)

Cross references. — For legislative purpose in enacting this section, see § 1, ch. 39, SLA 1996 in the Temporary and Special Acts.

Effective dates. — Section 2, ch. 39, SLA 1996 which enacted this section, took effect on August 21, 1996.

Sec. 16.20.690. Additional critical habitat areas. The commissioner shall submit a list of additional critical habitat areas to the legislature annually. (§ 2 ch 140 SLA 1972)

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS 16.20.270. Renumbered in 1987.

Chapter 25. Stocking of Public Land.

Section

10. Program adopted

Sec. 16.25.010. Program adopted. There is adopted a program of stocking land in the state with valuable game and fur-bearing animals that do not at present occur on the land. The department is responsible for establishing priorities on the species of animals to be stocked and the area of the stocking. Priorities shall be based on the habitat requirements of the species, the population of native game animals present, and other factors that will effect the successful establishment of the species. (§ 39-7-1 ACLA 1949; am § 1 ch 97 SLA 1970)

Secs. 16.25.020 — 16.25.060. Projects enumerated; duties of department; stock and offspring property of state; unlawful taking; penalty. [Repealed, § 2 ch 97 SLA 1970.]

Chapter 30. Destruction of Big Game Animals and Wild Fowl.

Section

- 10. Wanton waste of big game animals and wild fowl
- 12. Possession of horns or antlers
- 15. Surrender of salvaged portions, license forfeiture

Section

- 17. Defenses
- 20. Board may exempt animals
- 30. Definitions

Sec. 16.30.010. Wanton waste of big game animals and wild fowl. (a) It is a class A misdemeanor for a person who kills a big game animal or a species of wild fowl to fail intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence to salvage for human consumption the edible meat of the animal or fowl.

(b) If a person is convicted of violating this section and in the course of that violation failed to salvage from a big game animal at least the hindquarters as far as the distal joint of the tibia-fibula (hock), the court shall impose a sentence of imprisonment of not less than seven consecutive days and a fine of not less than \$2,500.

(c) The imposition or execution of the minimum sentence prescribed in (b) of this section may not be suspended under AS 12.55.080 or 12.55.085. The minimum sentence

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Sponsor Statement **Senate Bill 147**

"An Act relating to control of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an effective date."

This legislation will provide authority to the Alaska Board of Game to adopt regulations to allow issuance of permits and licenses to sanctioned designees to control nuisance wild birds and nuisance wild small mammals. Currently, there is no statutory authority for nuisance wildlife control and the means by which ADF&G can sell a license or issue a permit.

This legislation would allow licenses for commercial exterminators and permits for homeowners, corporations, agricultural enterprises, state agencies and other entities that are beleaguered by nuisance wildlife.

Some examples of species which may fall under the category of nuisance wild animals are: beaver, porcupine, marmot, weasel, mink, muskrat, coyote, fox, marten, squirrel, woodchuck, otter, lynx, pigeon, woodpeckers, gray jay, ravens, crows, bats, magpie, sea gulls, Canadian geese and snow geese. However, an effective date of July 2004 has been placed on this legislation to allow ample time for regulations to be written by the Department of Fish and Game.

Robert Doran
HC 31 Box 5213B Wasilla, AK 99654

April 23, 2003

Senate Finance Committee
Juneau, AK

To Whom It May Concern:

The following is a testimony of my support for Senate Bill 147.

Southcentral Alaska is growing like never before. We are seeing more and more residential and commercial developments constructed very near to prime wildlife habitat. Despite this change in habitat, many species of birds and animals continue using these developed areas for protection and foraging. These factors, along with little or no hunting or trapping pressure, create the potential for confrontations to arise between people and wildlife. Even if the location allowed for regular hunting or trapping, many of these problems occur when the regular season for several species of animals is closed. A provision in Alaska state law allowing a licensed individual specializing in the control of problem wildlife to capture and remove the nuisance animal(s) out of the regular season would alleviate this problem. If properly regulated, many people in the public service industry would benefit.

Based upon conversations with state, borough and municipal agencies, including the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Anchorage and Mat-Su Animal Control Shelters, I have found that these agencies often do not have the personnel, resources or time to adequately deal with these conflicts. Being able to refer problem wildlife calls to a licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) would relieve these and other agencies from this responsibility. Local agencies could also benefit by gathering data from NWCO's to evaluate urban impact on local wildlife populations and their surrounding habitat. Evidence of these kinds of benefits can be seen in the 48 contiguous states where animal damage control companies are working in cooperation with their local game departments and offering a very valuable service to the public.

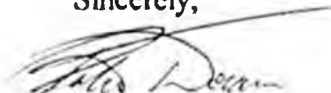
This is the time for this bill to be made into law. The public benefits as well as state, borough, city and federal agencies. ADFG would have more time to focus on biological research for our fish and wildlife. State and local law enforcement could concentrate on keeping our communities safe. Animal control would be able to keep their efforts centered on issues pertaining to domestic animals. Fish and Wildlife Protection would have more time to patrol our backcountry forests and rivers.

Yes, this is Alaska, The Last Frontier. But let's not be last in offering our residents this much needed public service, a service in which the need for it will only continue to grow.

Robert Doran
HC 31 Box 5213B Wasilla, AK 99654

Thank you for devoting your time and energy to considering this bill and for serving the people of Alaska.

Sincerely,



Robert Doran

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/17/03

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: 4/10/03
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4/17/03

Resources Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 147

SB 147 CONTROL OF NUISANCE WILD ANIMALS

"An Act relating to control of nuisance wild animals; and providing for an effective date."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

Senate Bill:

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House Bill:

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NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Zero	FN#
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PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

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APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

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SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR SB 148

"An Act relating to allowable absences for certain members of the armed forces and their spouses and dependents for purposes of eligibility for permanent fund dividends; and providing for an effective date."

SB 148 is a correction to an oversight in our allowable PFD absences.

This was brought to my attention, when a 20-year Alaskan resident and constituent who was activated on Sept 11, was recently denied his PFD. He is in the Navy Reserves.

He was overseas protecting our country on Active Duty orders for 10 months. The 180-day requirement of being out of state is waived in his case, because he is on military orders.

However..... here is the glitch.....

Upon his return to Alaska, he took a 7-week trip to California to care for and visit his quadriplegic brother. Normally this would not be a problem. People do it ALL the time.

Those of us who are not in the military, we can be gone up to 180 days doing whatever we want and still collect a PFD. No questions asked.

However if you are away on orders issued by the President of the United States, protecting the freedoms of the United States of America, the greatest country on EARTH, you can only be out of state for up to a maximum of 45 days. That is an injustice and a sloppy way of saying Thank You to the men and women who make up our volunteer force, and protect us without hesitation.

Senate Bill **148** corrects this oversight. Please join in sponsoring this cause, and showing your patriotic THANK YOU to the members of Reserves, Guards, and Active Duty Military.

Current Statutes as of March 25, 2003

Permanent Fund Division

Sec. 43.23.008. Allowable absences.

(a) Subject to (b) and (c) of this section, an otherwise eligible individual who is absent from the state during the qualifying year remains eligible for a current year permanent fund dividend if the individual was absent

- (1) receiving secondary or postsecondary education on a full-time basis;
- (2) receiving vocational, professional, or other specific education on a full-time basis for which, as determined by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education, a comparable program is not reasonably available in the state;
- (3) serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States;
- (4) serving under foreign or coastal articles of employment aboard an oceangoing vessel of the United States merchant marine;
- (5) receiving continuous medical treatment recommended by a licensed physician or convalescing as recommended by the physician that treated the illness if the treatment or convalescence is not based on a need for climatic change;
- (6) providing care for a parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild with a critical life-threatening illness whose treatment plan, as recommended by the attending physician, requires travel outside the state for treatment at a medical specialty complex;
- (7) providing care for the individual's terminally ill parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild;
- (8) settling the estate of the individual's deceased parent, spouse, sibling, child, or stepchild, provided the absence does not exceed 220 cumulative days;
- (9) serving as a member of the United States Congress;
- (10) serving on the staff of a member from this state of the United States Congress;
- (11) serving as an employee of the state in a field office or other location;

(12) accompanying a minor who is absent under (5) of this subsection;

(13) accompanying another eligible resident who is absent for a reason permitted under (1) - (3), (5) - (12), or (14) of this subsection as the spouse, minor dependent, or disabled dependent of the eligible resident;

(14) for any reason consistent with the individual's intent to remain a state resident, provided the absence or cumulative absences do not exceed

(A) 180 days if the individual is not claiming an absence under (1) - (13) of this subsection;

(B) 120 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences claimed under (1) or (2) of this subsection if the individual is not claiming an absence under (3) - (13) of this subsection; or

(C) 45 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences claimed under (1) - (13) of this subsection.

Sec. 43.23.005 (f) 72 Hour Waive

(f) In a time of national military emergency, the commissioner may waive the requirement of (a)(4) of this section for an individual absent from the state under military orders while serving in the armed forces of the United States, or for the spouse and dependents of that individual.



DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
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March 14, 2003 --

Daniel L. LaPlante
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2003
PERMANENT FUND DIVIDEND
DENIAL LETTER
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Dear Mr. LaPlante:

I have denied your 2003 dividend. To decide you weren't eligible, I used these facts:

- You were absent from Alaska 280 days in calendar year 2002.
- Your active duty military absence totaled 176 days.
- You were absent an additional 104 days for vacation and business.

And considered these issues:

- You were absent from Alaska more than 45 days in addition to your allowable military absence.

See enclosed AS 43.23.008(a)(14)(C).

If you disagree with my decision:

- You need to show that you were not absent more than 45 days in addition to your military absence.
- You have 60 days from the date of this letter to file a Request for Informal Appeal by filling out and returning the enclosed form.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kay Dickson".

Kay Dickson
PFD Technician II

Provided by Sen. Cowdery

A brief overview of PFD rules pertaining to SB 148

Prepared by Kierke A Kussart

Civilian (no special circumstances)

Can be gone up to 180 days in a calendar year for any reason as long as home is maintained in state (own, rent, storage) and residency ties are not created in other states.

Military Active Duty

Must have AK as home of record.

Can be gone whole year - must return for 3 days every 2 years minimum. After 5 years absence must have 30 days in AK.

Does not have to maintain home in AK.

Can obtain other states drivers license, vehicle registration, resident hunting and fishing licenses.

Can purchase home in another state.

Spouse can work full time in another state.

Once out of AK for over 180 days in a calendar year only 45 days can be for non-military reasons.

Main Points

- 1. Discharge is a scheduled event and can be planned for. Upon discharge the military will ship the applicant's belongings to any address the applicant chooses.**
- 2. Once returned to civilian status the applicant may have many more ties outside then to AK. Needs to return to fulfill statement of intent.**
- 3. In my opinion six months is an excessive amount of time for a move back to AK, especially, since military members are used to moving without much notice. Now that they are free from military obligation it is time to come home.**

4/17/03

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March 10, 2003

The Honorable John Cowdery
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 101
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Daniel LaPlante's 2003 Permanent Fund Dividend

Dear Senator Cowdery:

We have reviewed Mr. LaPlante's 2003 Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend application at the request of your staff aide, Annette Skibinski. Mr. LaPlante, a U.S. Navy reservist, was absent from Alaska for the first six months of 2002 when he was called to active duty after the tragedy of September 11. He returned to Alaska in June 2002 and then left again on personal business in August, coming home at the end of November. He was absent from the state 104 days in 2002, in addition to his military service.

The Dividend Division has notified Mr. LaPlante that it will deny his 2003 dividend application. He has appeal rights but, to be totally honest, I do not believe he will prevail at an appeal hearing. I am sorry, but the law is against him.

Unfortunately, the statute that grants allowable absences for military service also limits any additional absence — beyond military service — to no more than 45 days in a calendar year. Alaska Statute 43.23.008(a)(14) allows "45 days in addition to any absence or cumulative absences claimed under (1) – (13) of this subsection." Military absences are Subsection (3). I believe the legislative intent was that military members who call Alaska their home should return to the state within a reasonable period of their discharge. I am certain that no one ever anticipated the issue of reservists being called to duty after such an event as September 11.

There is a statute, AS 23.23.005(f), that says, "... in time of national military emergency, the commissioner may waive the requirement of (a)(4) of this section for an individual absent from the state under military orders while serving in the armed forces of the United States. ..." Subsection (a)(4) is the requirement that an applicant must return to Alaska for at least 72 consecutive hours every two years to remain eligible for the

Senator John Cowdery

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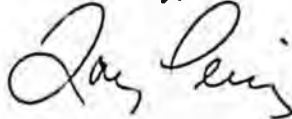
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dividend. There is nothing in that statute that allows us to waive the 45-day absence rule during a military emergency.

I am sorry that there just isn't anything we can do under the law to help Mr. LaPlante qualify for the 2003 dividend. However, if you were concerned about a possible recurrence of such a case, you could amend AS 43.23.005(f) to allow the commissioner to waive the 45-day rule under AS 43.23.008(a)(14) in addition to the 72-hour rule under AS 43.23.005(a)(4).

Please let me know if we can provide any further assistance with this case, or if you are interested in pursuing any change to the statute. We look forward to working with you in any way we can to help improve the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Persily".

Larry Persily
Deputy Commissioner

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: 1
Bill Version: SB 148
(S) Publish Date: 4/9/03

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: Revenue
Title: Allowable Absence BRU: Revenue Operations
for Military Service Component: Permanent Fund Dividend
Sponsor: Senator Cowdery
Requester: Senate State Affairs Committee Component No.: 981

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	30.0					
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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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						
1050 Permanent Fund Dividend Fund	30.0					
TOTAL	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2003) cost: 00
Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2004 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation would amend state statute governing allowable absences for the Permanent Fund dividend (AS 43.23.008) as it relates to individuals serving in the U.S. armed forces. The existing statute allows an individual serving in the armed forces to remain outside Alaska for up to 45 days a year, in addition to time serving on active duty. The purpose of this limitation has been to assess the military personnel's intent to return home to Alaska after his or her discharge from active duty, since the individual has always claimed the intent to return to Alaska throughout his or her allowable absence for military service. This legislation would amend the statute to allow up to 180 days of time outside Alaska each year, in addition to time on active duty. This provision also would apply to the spouse and children of military personnel.

Prepared by: Larry Persily, Deputy Commissioner Phone: 465-5469
Division: Department of Revenue Date/Time: 3/29/03 10:28 AM
Approved by: Larry Persily, Deputy Commissioner Date: 3/29/2003
Agency: Department of Revenue

FISCAL NOTE #1

STATE OF ALASKA
2003 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 148

ANALYSIS CONTINUATION

Discussion

The number of military personnel living outside Alaska for part or all of the year, and who claim an allowable absence in their application for the Permanent Fund Dividend, increases each year:

- 5,088 for the 1999 dividend.
- 5,678 for 2000.
- 5,831 for 2001.
- 6,024 for 2002.

The Division is unable to report how many spouses and children of military personnel apply for the dividend, but it is several thousand additional applications per year.

This legislation would increase that number by amending the statutory limitation on how long a member of the military may remain outside Alaska in addition to his or her time on active duty. The existing statute limits the applicant to 45 days. This legislation would increase that to 180 days. The Division is unable to project how many individuals would qualify for the dividend under the new requirement but, for example, if this new provision had been in effect for the 2002 dividend, for every additional 100 applicants who qualified for the dividend it would have reduced the amount of the dividend for everyone else by just 25 cents.

The practical effect of this legislation would be that military personnel discharged from active duty could remain outside Alaska for up to 180 days after discharge and still qualify for the dividend, or individuals could reside outside Alaska for up to 180 days before joining active duty and still qualify.

This legislation would not change the statutory requirement limiting college and university students to no more than 120 days of being absent from Alaska, in addition to their time as full-time students.

Cost to the Division

This legislation makes the change retroactive to January 1, 2002, with the intent of changing the eligibility requirements for the 2003 dividend (2002 is the qualifying year for the 2003 dividend). To accomplish that goal, this measure would extend the dividend application period from the statutory deadline of March 31, 2003 to September 15, 2003 for those individuals who would benefit from the new provision allowing longer absences from the state.

This could create administrative problems for the Division. First, the Division needs to estimate by mid-September the number of applications that will be approved, in order to determine the amount of the 2003 dividend and to start processing direct-deposit payments. Such a late cut-off date will require the Division to hold back sufficient funds to cover unexpected applications not yet processed or reviewed for eligibility. It is unlikely that these late applications would be paid on time three weeks later in October with the rest of the applicants.

The larger problem, however, would be contacting military personnel to notify them of the new statutory provision and extended deadline. The \$30,000 requested in this fiscal note would be used to send letters to 2002 dividend applicants in the military service and to purchase advertising in those Alaska communities with a significant military presence.