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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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1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Fees were recently increased for all residents using Alaska State Parks. The department was asked to supply the number of Seniors who purchased season or day park permits for the last three fiscal years, but was unable to supply that information. Since we can not determine how many Seniors currently purchase passes, we are unable to estimate how many will utilize this service.

Prepared by: Jennifer Yuhas, Committee Aide Phone (907) 465-3715

Representative Beverly Masek / Representative Drew Scalzi Date 04 01 01
 Committee Co-chairs

FISCAL NOTE

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2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB129
 () Publish Date: _____
 Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 BRU: Parks & Recreation Mgt.
 Component: Parks Management
 Component Number: 452

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title: Free Park Permits: Disabled Vets/Sr. Cit.
 Sponsor: Rep. Masek
 Requester: (H) RES

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual	33.7	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	33.7	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1005)	(165.0)	(170.0)	(175.0)	(180.0)	(185.0)	(190.0)
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
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1004 GF	198.7	180.5	185.5	190.5	195.5	200.5
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Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY2002 budget proposal:

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ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

EXPENDITURES:

\$17.2 Onetime expenditure for printing permanent passes
 \$6.0 Onetime expense for designing and installing Database to track passes
 \$10.0 Estimated annual increase in Parks RSA to the Public Information Center
 \$0.5 Estimated annual increase for computer and programmer time for maintenance of database
 \$165.0 Estimate in first year of lost program receipts revenue to be replaced by general fund. The Parks budget is based on program receipt revenue. If the receipts are decreased, the funding must be replaced with general funds to maintain the same level of service.

REVENUE: Revenue reduction based on number of visitor nights by Alaskans over 60 previously using campground on a nightly or annual fee basis. Loss estimate increases in future years in alignment with population aging trends.

Prepared by: Jim Stratton, Director Phone 269-8701
 Division: Parks Date/Time 9-Apr-01
 Approved by: Pat Pourchot Date 9-Apr-01
 Agency: Natural Resources

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Testimony HB-129
2001

11 April,

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Sponsor Statement House Bill 129

An act relating to lifetime state park developed campsite permits.

This bill was introduced to support out older Alaskans. Seniors have every right to enjoy the beauty of our great state. Many have made a long term contribution to Alaska's economy and community. Senior citizens generally find them selves on a fixed income. The Alaska Commission on Aging reports that the average annual income of an Alaskan senior citizen is \$8,097. Alaska has many other programs that recognize this. Persons sixty years and older are able to receive a hunting and fishing license at no charge. Renter's rebates are available for those sixty-five and over, as well as auto tax exemptions, exemptions for fees for property appraisals, food distribution, financial and medical assistance, energy assistance, rental assistance, and free college tuition. Giving our older Alaskans use of our parks would encourage their participation in wholesome outdoor activities that will enhance their quality of life. HB-129 is a reasonable recognition of our elders' contribution to our state.

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Bill gives seniors free camping passes

By DAVID WASHBURN
Senior Voice Managing Editor

Alaskans age 60 and older will be eligible for free camping passes to the state's parks, if a bill in the state legislature becomes law.

House Bill 129, sponsored by Rep. Beverly Masek, a Republican from Willow, would direct the state's Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation to grant lifetime camping passes similar to the lifetime fishing and hunting licenses currently given to older residents at no charge.

The bill is a response to complaints regarding ongoing fee increases at state campgrounds, said Eddie Grasser, Masek's chief of staff.

"Some of our elderly constituents complained about it," Grasser said. "A lot of the seniors wanted to know why they had to pay more."

The state operates 75 campgrounds around Alaska, Div. of Parks and Outdoor Recreation director Jim Stratton said. Fees are \$10 per night for a camping spot, \$15 in some campgrounds, he said. Campers also can buy passes for \$100 that allow unlimited camping for a season.

"That works out to eighty cents a night, if you camp

every night from May to September," Stratton said.

Stratton said the cost of the season pass was raised to \$100 from \$75 last year, but noted it was the first increase in 10 years. He received very few complaints about the increase, he said. He also acknowledged the per-night fee has gone up quite a bit in the past 10 years, but said the fees pay about 35 percent of the cost of running the campgrounds.

Stratton said he is concerned the free senior passes will result in a drop in revenue, forcing the state to close down some campsites. He couldn't say for sure how many seniors use Alaska's campgrounds because the state doesn't ask for campers' ages. His office is surveying campsite rangers, analyzing RV ownership patterns and reviewing RV licenses through the Division of Motor Vehicles to try to put together "an educated guess," he said. "It's clearly going to have a fiscal impact."

He said the legislature would have to decide how to offset the loss. "They either could tell us to eat the loss, in which case we'd have to close some facilities; give us money from the general fund, or we'd have to raise fees on everyone else."

Articles

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SENIOR BILL DIGEST

Senior-related bills introduced

Here are some of the bills introduced so far this session of the Alaska State Legislature.

HB 88 (Rules Committee by request of Gov. Knowles) Pioneers' and Veterans' Home and Advisory Board. Changes name of the Alaska Pioneers' Home to the Alaska Pioneers' and Veterans' Home. Also changes the name of the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board to the Alaska Pioneers' and Veterans' Homes Advisory Board. Sets aside a certain number of beds in the Pioneers' Homes statewide for use by veterans. Veterans would be given admissions preference for these beds. Modifies the membership of the Pioneers' Homes Advisory Board to include at least two veterans, with one seat reserved for the

chair of the Alaska Veterans Advisory Council. Currently in House MLV.

HB 124 (Halcro, R-Anchorage) Hiring at nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. Prohibits licensed nursing homes and assisted-living facilities from hiring anyone ever convicted of an offense where the victim was a resident of a nursing home or assisted-living facility. Also prohibits hiring anyone convicted for an unclassified or class A felony; convicted within the past 10 years of a class B felony; convicted within the past five years of a class C felony, class A misdemeanor, or comparable offenses. Currently in House Health, Education & Social Services committee.

HB 129 (Masek, R-Willow) Free state park permits. Establishes a free, lifetime

pass to the state's campgrounds for Alaska residents age 60 and older. Currently in House Resources committee.

SB 112 (Sen. Health, Education and Social Services Committee) The Alaska Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Mental Health Trust Authority. Places the hiring of the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman under the jurisdiction of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Currently in the Senate Health, Education and Social Services committee.

Visit the Alaska Legislature Online at <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/> for the full text of bills, status information, minutes from hearings and other legislative information.

Tuition

TUITION COSTS:

Lower Division - Undergraduate (Course Numbers 050 - 299)

Resident \$75.00 per credit hour
*Non-resident \$234.00 per credit hour

Upper Division - Undergraduate (Course Numbers 300 - 499)

Resident \$84.00 per credit hour
*Non-resident \$243.00 per credit hour

Professional Development (Course Numbers 500-599)

Tuition costs vary.

Graduate (Course Numbers 600 - 699)

Resident \$167.00 per credit hour
*Non-resident \$326.00 per credit hour

** Non-resident students who restrict their enrollment to no more than three credits each semester are charged resident tuition.*

** Non-resident students are assessed non-resident fees on all academic credits including self-support.*

If your address will change or has changed, submit a Change of Address Form to Enrollment Services. Billings will be mailed to your address of record.

Alaska Residency

You are eligible for Alaska resident tuition if you have been physically present in Alaska for the past 12 consecutive months (except for temporary absences with intent to return). U.S. service members on active duty and their dependents, members of the Alaska National Guard and their dependents, and residents of the Canadian Northwest and Yukon Territories are considered residents for tuition purposes. The following are NOT eligible for Alaska resident tuition:

- Persons who have declared legal residency in another state within the last year
- Persons who have registered to vote in another state
- Students with non-immigrant visas

For complete information, refer to the Residency section of the UAA Catalog.

Senior Citizens

Alaska Residents 60 years or older may enroll for most UAA credit classes and have tuition

waived. Enrollment is on a space available basis only. Use of senior citizen tuition waivers is governed accordingly:

1. Tuition is not waived for non-credit, CEU, or self-support classes. Senior citizens must pay all additional course fees. To waive tuition, senior citizens must register and present a completed tuition waiver with proof of age during late registration. Tuition Waivers are available at late registration from Accounting Services and Enrollment Services, both located in the Administration Building.

Note: The student government fee, student activity fee, and student media fee are waived for senior citizens. Senior citizens wanting use of the PE Facility must pay the PE Facility Use Fee. The Student Health Center Fee is mandatory for all students taking six or more credits.


2. Registration using a senior citizen tuition waiver for payment is permitted only during late registration (no late fee will be assessed when students register late with a senior citizen tuition waiver).

3. Senior citizens may elect to register before the late registration period; however, they must pay full tuition and fees (use of senior citizen tuition waiver will not be accepted). Senior citizens electing to register and pay full tuition are subject to all payment deadlines. Students who do not either pay or drop before the published deadline will be subject to drop for non-payment. Refunds will NOT be available to senior citizens who drop classes and then re-enroll into the same classes using a tuition waiver during late registration.

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SENIOR PROGRAMS

(furnished by Leanne Reed at the Anchorage Senior Center)

1300 E. 19th Avenue

258-7823

AUTO TAX EXEMPTIONS

Division of Motor Vehicles

2150 E Dowling Rd

Anchorage AK. 99507

Seniors 65 by Jan. 1 of the application year are eligible for the registration fee exemption. Notary and proof of age are required for first-time applicants. Good only for non-commercial vehicles. One exemption per household. Forms & Notary available at the Anchorage Senior Center Information & Assistance Office.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE

333 Raspberry Rd.

Anchorage, AK. 99518-1599

267-2155

Free license for seniors 60 years old who have lived in Alaska for at least one year. Disabled veterans with at least a 50% military related disability may apply at any age. Applications are available at the Anchorage Senior Center Information & Assistance Office.

RENTER'S REBATE

Office of State Assessor

333 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 220

Anchorage, AK. 99501-2341

269-4581

Seniors 65 before January 1, 1998 are eligible for the 1998 rebate. This applies to rental property that is subject to property tax. Mobile home owners may apply for a rebate on the rent paid for trailer park space. Applications available in the Information & Assistance Office Dec. 1 - Jan.15.

Programs

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Department of Finance: Property Appraisal Office

P.O.Box 196650

Anchorage, AK. 99501

343-6770

Seniors, 65 years old before Jan. 1 in the year they are applying for exemption, may apply if they own and live in their home. This exemption applies to the first \$150,000 assessed value. Applications are available in the Information & Assistance Office Nov. 15- March 15.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

400 W. Willoughby, Suite 301

Juneau, AK. 99801-1731

465-3058

No age restrictions. Help with energy bills for owners or renters that meet income requirements set each year if utilities are included in your rent, you may still be eligible for this yearly energy grant. Applications are available at the Anchorage Senior Center, Public Assistance Office, or mailed to your home from the Juneau office. Application period: Oct. 1-May 15.

Food Distribution

The Anchorage Senior Center is a USDA Commodities Food Bank location. Each month eligible seniors can pick up USDA commodities, such as rice, pasta, beans, salmon, applesauce, vegetables, canned meat, or frozen hamburger. Amount and type of food varies from month to month. This program has very strict income requirements. All applicants must provide printed proof of yearly income to determine eligibility. Apply at the Information and Assistance Office.

Old Age Assistance and Medicaid

Division of Public Assistance

527 E 4th Avenue Anchorage, AK 99501

269-6599

Low income seniors, 65 years of age or older, may apply for financial and medical assistance. Applications are available at the Anchorage Senior Center, Information & Assistance Office. Bring

verification of income, assets, rent, and savings accounts in order to fill out the application.

Title V. Employment

Seniors 55 and over who meet income requirements may apply for part-time employment. Wages do not affect Social Security, or housing assistance benefits. Call the Information & Assistance office for details and new job listings.

Rental Assistance for Senior Housing

Qualifying applicants pay 30% of adjusted income for rent. Applications and assistance available at:

Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

620 East 10th Avenue Suite 202; 272-1457

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

Administered through the Anchorage Senior Center, 258-7823

Senior Rap

Anchorage Senior Center

1300 E. 19th

Ongoing Friday morning group. Meets at 9:00 each week for fun conversation, morning coffee, juice and snacks. Door prizes, and monthly party. Hosted by Hazel Klein, Anchorage Senior Center Health Services Coordinator, and Leanne Reed, Information & Assistance Coordinator.

Health & Wellness Programs

Free blood Pressure checks weekdays from noon - 1 p.m.

Blood glucose checked weekdays at 9 a.m. by appointment. \$1 :00 donation is suggested. Please call Hazel Klein at 257-7823 for details.

The Anchorage Senior Center Offers a wide variety of fitness programs, please call Jennifer at

258-7823 about joining one of the classes offered.

Support Groups

Arthritis- Call the Arthritis Support Group at 269-3206 for time and date.

Parkinson's -Contact Betty Berry at 277-3384 for current information.

Diabetes- For information contact Arlene at 258-7823

Senior Center membership is \$25/year for singles, and \$40/year for couples. Individuals with a monthly

income of \$1000 or less, please contact Leanne Reed for membership and fitness waivers.





Senior Citizens Programs

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The Anchorage Senior Center is a bustling activity center that provides meals, health services, information and referral services, arts and crafts, educational and recreational programs. The Center is well used by its 2,000+ members. Community groups also rent space for meetings, socials, weddings, receptions, and other events. Presentations and meetings are often held to inform seniors of issues relevant to their well-being. To find out more about the activities at the Center, call (907) 258-7823.

Chugiak Senior Center

22424 N. Birchwood Loop Road
Chugiak Alaska 99567
Executive Director
(907) 688-2677

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Chugiak Senior Center provides services to people 55 years of age and older who live in the greater Chugiak/Eagle River/Birchwood and Eklutna areas. The facility has 43 independent living apartments and 20 assisted living apartments. It offers programs and services to both residents and non-residents. The services offered by the Center are all geared toward helping seniors remain in their chosen community. These services include: Adult Day Care for Seniors with Alzheimer's disease and dementia who need a place to go during the day; meal service on site, as well as delivered to home-bound seniors who cannot go to the Center; nutrition education; outreach and referrals; transportation and escort services as needed; and programs and support services. Aerobics classes, art classes, various support group meetings, bingo, a beauty shop, slide shows and movies, pet therapy, and musical presentations are regularly available on site.

To find out more about the programs and activities of the Chugiak Senior Center, call (907) 688-2677.

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January 22, 2002

To: Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk
Members House Resources Committee

From: Rep. Drew Scalzi, Co-Chair
Rep. Bev Masek, Co-Chair

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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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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)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2002) cost: none
 Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY2003 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Based on current levels of harvesting on non-state land, and current funding levels, DNR will not need additional operating funds to implement the changes in this bill. If the amount of harvesting on non-state land increases substantially, or if Forest Resources Practices Act (FRPA) funding, including federal Section 319 funding, declines significantly, additional funds would be needed for field inspections of riparian buffers. On state land, the revised riparian standards can be incorporated into the existing sale design process.

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

HB 131 AN ACT RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR FOREST RESOURCES AND PRACTICES

This bill is the result of hard work by many people over the last two years. It is founded on the best science available, including an extensive review of existing research, and recommendations of an interdisciplinary Science & Technical Committee. The committee included experienced field staff from the state resource agencies, and University, private, and federal scientists. An Implementation Group that included representatives of the timber and fishing industries, Native corporations, and environmental groups drafted consensus language to implement the scientists' recommendations in a practical manner that worked in the field. This bill is unanimously endorsed by the Board of Forestry, and has support from a broad array of interest groups. The entire process was open to the public. This broad support is based on the consensus agreements contained in this bill.

The current standards for Region III were adopted as interim standards in the 1990 revision of the Act. Under these standards, harvesting can occur up to the bank of anadromous waters on both public and private land under some conditions. Under this bill, all anadromous and high-value resident fish waters are classified and riparian standards are established for each water body type. The requirements are tailored to the characteristics and fish habitat needs of each stream type. On most anadromous and high-value resident fish waters, a no-harvest buffer will be required. However, along glacial rivers where some of the most valuable timber occurs, the standards allow harvest of up to half the large white spruce in the landward half of the buffer. This lets landowners capture some of the economic value within the riparian areas while keeping enough large trees to provide large woody debris.

This bill is not a wholesale revision of the Act. It has substantive changes only for riparian management standards in Region III. Other technical revisions include changes to the statewide nomenclature for waterbody classes, to prevent confusion between waterbody types in different regions. The bill also moves definitions of regional boundaries from the regulations to the Act, and makes a minor change to the regional boundary on the Kenai Peninsula to better match the difference between forest types. Most forest land in the affected area is in federal ownership, so the bill will have little impact on landowners.

This bill helps ensure that the FRPA continues to be certified for compliance with federal Clean Water Act and coastal zone management requirements. This means that the Act keeps providing "one-stop shopping" for the timber industry with respect to state and federal non-point source pollution and coastal management standards.

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SECTIONAL ANALYSIS

HB 131

AN ACT RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR FOREST RESOURCES AND PRACTICES

Section 1 of the bill would amend the statute that provides for variations from the riparian protection standards to correct a reference to water body type necessitated by other changes made by the bill.

Section 2 of the bill would amend AS41.17.116 to delineate the standards for private land in Interior Alaska (designated as "Region III" under the bill), and would change the references to water bodies in the standards for Southeast Alaska and other coastal areas (designated as "Region I" under the bill) to match the new nomenclature. The proposed new standards for Interior Alaska provide that the harvest of timber may not be undertaken within 66 feet of a Type III-A water body, and may not be undertaken within 33 feet of a Type III-B water body. Limited harvest of white spruce may occur between 33 feet and 66 feet from a Type III-B water body. Along a Type III-C water body, harvest within 100 feet must protect fish habitat and surface water quality. Under the bill, the commissioner of natural resources would continue to set riparian standard for private land in other areas of the state (designated as "Region II" under the bill).

Section 3 of the bill would change the current riparian protection standards for state land by modifying the existing 100 foot "no-harvest" buffers to provide that, along Type III-A water bodies, harvest may occur from 66 to 100 feet from the water body where consistent with the maintenance of important fish and wildlife habitat; along a Type III-B water body, limited harvest of white spruce may occur between 50 and 100 feet of the water body; and along a Type III-C water body, harvest within the riparian area may occur when consistent with the maintenance of important fish and wildlife habitat.

Section 4 of the bill would provide that, in Region III, the standards for other public land are to be the same as those on state land.

Section 5 of the bill would change the current definition of "riparian area" to mean the areas that are subject to the riparian standards set in or under AS 41.17.116.

Sections 6-9 of the bill would change existing definitions to conform to the new nomenclature used to describe water bodies.

Section 10 of the bill would add 11 new definitions to the Forest Resources and Practices Act. The term "backwater slough" is defined based mostly on flow characteristics. The terms "glacial water body" and "non-glacial water body" are defined based on their receipt of significant surface flow from a glacier under normal conditions. The term "diameter at breast height" is defined in

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accordance with ordinary usage. The term "ordinary high water mark" is, likewise, defined in the way that hydrologists and foresters use that term. Then, the boundaries of Regions II, III, and I are defined in the statutes. These boundaries previously were defined in regulations of the Department of Natural Resources. The new boundary descriptions are simpler. They change the boundary between Region I and II on the Kenai Peninsula and along Turnagain Arm to better match the border between the coastal forest and boreal forest. Finally, Type III-A, III_B, and III-C water bodies are defined for the Interior region based on whether they provide habitat for anadromous fish and other characteristics.

Section 11 of the bill provides that existing, non-conflicting, regulations may remain in place and be implemented, and provides for the timely adoption of regulations needed to implement the changes made by the bill.

Section 12 of the bill provides an immediate effective date for the latter provision.

Section 13 of the bill provides an effective date for the remainder of the bill.



Briefing:

HB 131 - Region III Forest Practices amendments

December 2001

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF FORESTRY

Overview. HB 131/SB 98 amends the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act (FRPA) for Interior Alaska (Region III). The bill sets standards for forestry activities in riparian areas. The bill ensures that Region III standards

- protect fish habitat and water quality,
- support healthy timber and fishing industries, and
- incorporate the best available science.

The bill is the product of two years of work by a broad array of interests. There is broad support for the consensus in the bill.

Applicability. In Region III, the FRPA applies to commercial forestry operations on all land ownerships where the operation borders surface waters or a riparian area, or where the operation is more than 40 acres and the landowner owns more than 160 acres in total.

Background. This bill is based on work by an interdisciplinary Science & Technical Committee and an Implementation Group that represented affected interests. The Science & Technical Committee reviewed relevant research and published an annotated bibliography of the results, drafted a stream classification system, and recommended changes to current riparian management standards. Committee members had expertise in fisheries, forestry, hydrology, and soils. Members included scientists and experienced field staff from the resource agencies, the University of Alaska, the U.S. Geological Survey, and Alaska Biological Research, Inc.

The Implementation Group discussed how to implement the recommendations of the Science and Technical Committee in a manner that works on the ground, and drafted language for changes to the FRPA and regulations. The group included representatives from the departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Game, and Environmental Conservation; private forest owners, the timber and fishing industries, and environmental groups.

The Board of Forestry reviewed and concurred with the recommendations from the Implementation Group. The recommendations were incorporated into draft legislation, which the Board endorsed. The legislation was introduced as HB 131/SB 98.

Summary of key provisions. The bill defines three types of water bodies, and sets riparian standards for each type as follows:

- On large non-glacial waters and glacial backwater sloughs (Type III-A): a no-cut buffer of 66' on private land, and 100' on public land. Harvesting can occur in the landward 33' of the buffer on public land with the concurrence of ADF&G.
- On other glacial waters (Type III-B): a 66' riparian area on private land and a 100' riparian area on public land. The half closest to the waterbody is a no-cut buffer. In the landward half, up to 50% of the large white spruce may be harvested.
- On small non-glacial waters (Type III-C, <3' wide): a 100' special management area in which harvesting may occur, but must be consistent with maintenance of important habitat.

ADF&G and DNR will do more research on this stream type to determine the extent of occurrence within commercial forests and to assess needed management measures.

The bill also

- Changes the statewide nomenclature for waterbody classes, to prevent confusion between waterbody types in different regions.
- Moves definitions of regional boundaries from the regulations to the Act.
- Makes a minor change to the regional boundary on the Kenai Peninsula to better match the difference between forest types. Most forest land in the affected area is in federal ownership, so there will be little impact on landowners.

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March 6, 2001

The Honorable Drew Scalzi
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Dear Representative Scalzi,

House Bill 131 proposes changing the state's Forest Resources and Practices Act (AS 41.17). This measure is a top legislative priority for AFA in 2001. Please schedule HB 131 for consideration in the House Resources Committee at your earliest convenience.

HB 131 is a direct result of a proposal presented to the Alaska Board of Forestry last year, after a collaborative process involving the timber industry, the fishing industry and the resource agencies of the state. Both the process and the substance of this effort were based upon sound science and a balancing of interests commensurate with the Forest Resources and Practices Act of 1990.

Alaska's current forest practices law is based on good science and is very effective in protecting important fish habitat while recognizing the unique relationship between private land rights and related public resources. The law, which was developed through a cooperative process in 1989 and 1990, involves the Division of Forestry, the Division of Habitat and Restoration, and the Division of Air and Water Quality in monitoring and enforcing standards governing forestry practices. In 1999, as you may recall, changes to the laws' riparian standards for Alaska's coastal forests were approved by the legislature. The Forest Resources and Practices Act enables timber operators in Alaska who conduct their harvest activities according to best management practices to have the assurance that they are operating in compliance with a variety of laws under which they would otherwise be individually scrutinized. That alternative would cost both the industry and the state more time and money than is necessary under the present system.

Current law also provides for ongoing examination of the effectiveness of Alaska's forest practices standards, so that the law and regulations can be adjusted to reflect new scientific knowledge as it is developed. Throughout 2000, the timber industry participated in a thorough review of the science related to logging near anadromous fish rivers, streams, and tributaries in Alaska's Interior forests. The review was conducted under the rubric of the Science and Technical Committee appointed by the Board of Forestry with the support of Governor Knowles. The proposed changes will mandate forested buffers along Alaska's Interior fish streams after harvest. The Committee's report and the

subsequent stakeholders' meeting led to the introduction of HB 131. Your willingness to hear HB 131 in the Resources Committee is greatly appreciated.

In summary, HB 131 addresses a real need and represents a balanced approach to resolving an important issue affecting Alaska's forest products sector. This is a bill that can and should enjoy full, bi-partisan support. Thank you again for scheduling HB 131 in the House Resources Committee at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Jack Phelps
by [signature]

Jack Phelps
Executive Director

cc: Representative Bev Masek



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Dear Governor Knowles and Legislative Leaders:

The Alaska Society of American Foresters (AKSAF) would like to thank this Administration and Legislature for their support of responsible forest management on state, federal and private lands. Many Alaskan and other US communities rely on a multiple-use policy and appropriate access to public resources to provide the much needed diversity to their economies in both good times and in bad.

We also wish to reiterate our support for the proposed changes to the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act as put forth last year in the Legislature. Many of our members were involved on the science and technology advisory panel that worked diligently to summarize the state of our knowledge on riparian practices and stream classification. Others were involved in the subsequent administrative and political

negotiations and some local SAF chapters have written letters of support for the proposed changes. This is consistent with our view that professional managers need to respond to new knowledge, changing conditions, and community values.

It is from this background of support and within the context of the challenge to continually improve our decision-making process, that the AKSAF passed a motion at our 2001 annual meeting in May. The motion was to recommend to Alaskan officials that the professional forester seat on the Alaska Board of Forestry (BOF) be officially designated to be filled by a member of the Society of American Foresters. We recognize that the Governor appoints individuals to the Board of Forestry. However, we feel that specifying that the appointee be a member of and represent the Society of American Foresters, makes it clear that he or she is representing the professional perspective and not that of the individual's current employer or other affiliation.

The Society of American Foresters (SAF) is the national scientific and educational organization representing the forestry profession in the United States. Founded in 1900 by Gifford Pinchot, it is the largest professional society for foresters in the world. The mission of the Society of American Foresters is to advance the science, education, technology, and practice of forestry; to enhance the competency of its members; to establish professional excellence; and, to use the knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic of the profession to ensure the continued health and use of forest ecosystems and the present and future availability of forest resources to benefit society. SAF is a nonprofit organization meeting the requirements of 501 (c) (3). SAF members include natural resource professionals in public and private settings, researchers, CEOs, administrators, educators, and students. The SAF is not a lobbying organization. It is the sole academic accrediting body for forestry degree programs in the United States and like all true professional bodies, the SAF has a detailed Code of Ethics. It is subscription to the aforementioned mission and code of ethics, supported with SAF's continuing education and certification programs, that separates its members from non-members.

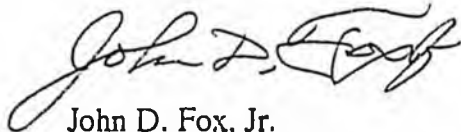
The AKSAF wishes to be very clear that this recommendation does not reflect any complaints or dissatisfaction with current members of the BOF. This recommendation is solely a feeling on our part, that it would be most appropriate and beneficial in a long-range sense, to identify the "professional forester" seat as an "SAF seat", thereby explicitly invoking the mission and code of ethics and making it clear to the individual, the board, and the public, that he or she is representing professional forestry in an institutional sense, not in an employment sense. Accordingly, we also recommend that the employment restrictions on the person filling this seat be dropped with the exception of the restriction that the individual not be a current, non-university,

employee of the State of Alaska. The latter is to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or any opportunity for, or threat of, retribution.

The SAF charter does not allow political lobbying. Yet, we have a mission to inform the public and decision-makers on the scientific and technical aspects of managing our forest resources. Accordingly, we do not presume to recommend a mechanism whereby our recommendation should be implemented. We also do not wish to jeopardize any existing legislation such as the proposed changes to the Forest Resources and Practices Act. However, we hope that this recommendation is seriously considered. The Alaska SAF and its chapters and members remain willing and able to provide information and expertise with the full backing and resources of the national SAF organization. It is in this spirit that we put forth this recommendation. While many BOF members may be, or may have been SAF members, it has not been explicit that the mission, code of ethics and professional perspective be the mandate of their appointments. We think our recommendation will make the mandate of the professional forester seat very clear.

The Alaska Society of American Foresters offers its services to the Governor, legislators and the Board of Forestry to assist in this process from a professional perspective. We appreciate your favorable consideration of this recommendation and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



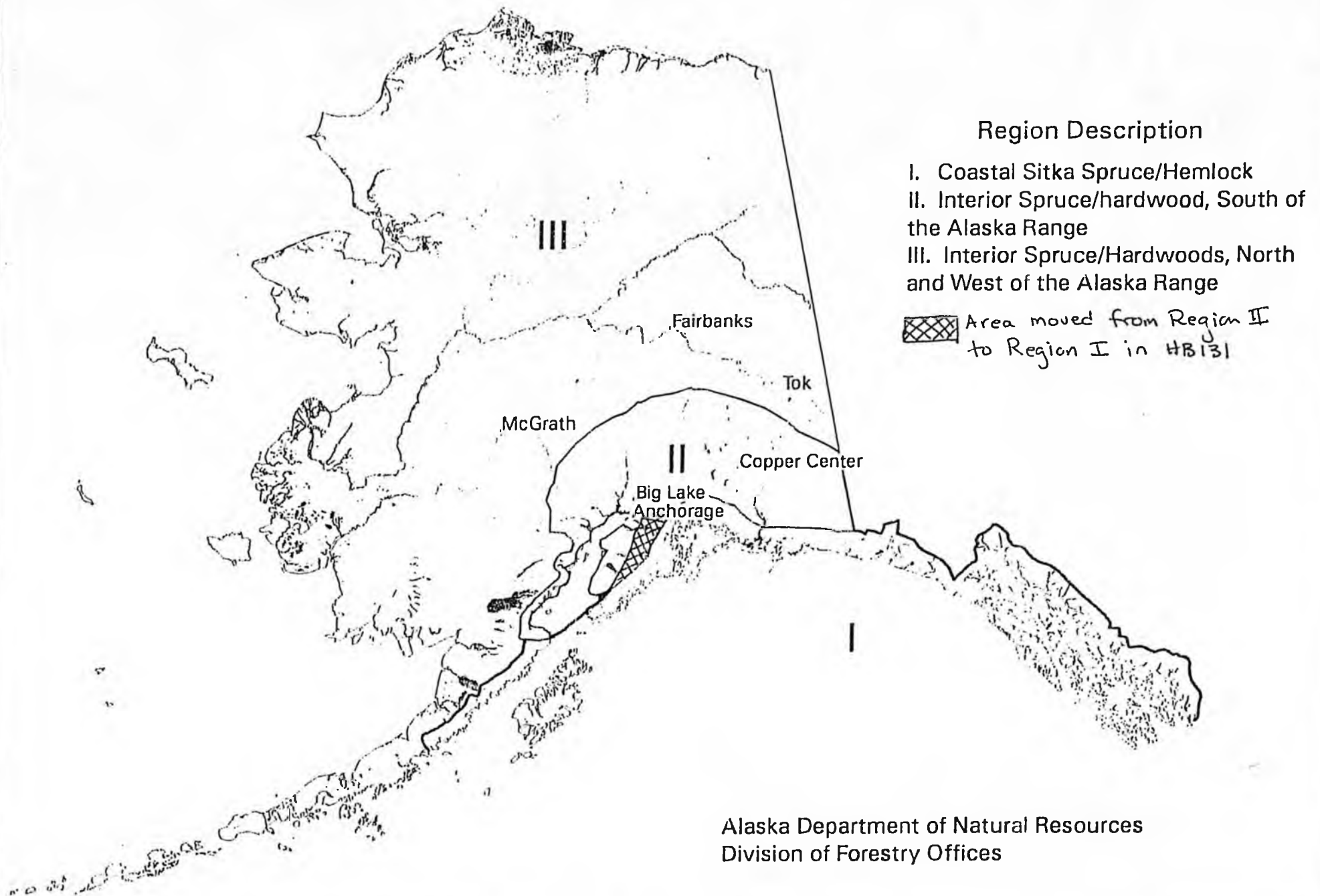
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Alaska Forest Practices Regions

As defined in 11 ACC 95.800 Designation of Regions





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HB 131 ~ Standards for Forest Resources and Practices

To: House Resources Committee
Date: February 6, 2002

Alaska Conservation Voters is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Alaska's environment through public education and advocacy. Our 32 member organizations represent over 35,000 registered Alaskan voters. Our members support the conservation of Alaska's forests for the long-term protection of habitat values and the benefits our forests provide humans, wildlife and fish.

House Bill 131, which amends the Alaska Forest Resources and Practices Act (FRPA) in Region III for Interior Alaska, improves both the clarity and content of current regulations and practices. HB 131 is based upon an extensive review of existing scientific research, field data, and public comment, and is the result of a consensus-based, public process that encompassed a broad group of stakeholders including fisherman, loggers, scientists, and land managers.

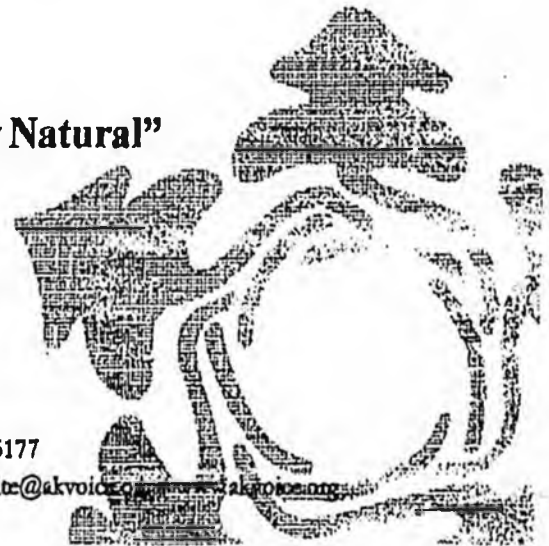
HB 131 would implement buffer zones along lakes and streams in Interior Alaska, for logging on both private and public land. These substantive changes would allow logging activities to continue in a more ecological and sustainable manner in our interior forests. This bill has incorporated open public process throughout every step of the way. Alaska Conservation Voters urges you to support this legislation.

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2001 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: HB137
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 Dept. Affected: Natural Resources
 BRU: Information/Resource Mg
 Component: Recorder's Office
 Component Number: #802

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____
 Title: An Act relating to records of veterans of
the armed forces.
 Sponsor: Sp Cmte on Military & Veterans Affairs
 Requester: (H) MLV

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
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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Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: none

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY2002 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

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

AS 26.10.070 currently requires DNR's recording offices to periodically provide copies of recorded veteran discharge papers to the Vital Statistics office in the Department of Health and Social Services. It also requires Vital Statistics to maintain separate records of such information in its files. This statute essentially charges two separate government agencies with maintaining the same records – an unnecessary and duplicative waste of government resources.

Recording offices have been performing this function for decades in compliance with the existing statute.
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ANALYSIS: (continued)

The state's thirty-four recording districts manually monitor this information and send copies of all veteran

The state's thirty-four recording districts manually monitor this information and send copies of all veteran separation papers, with a manually prepared report, to vital statistics on a monthly basis. There is no easy means to extract all veteran separation papers from the recording system records. Reports must be requested under each branch of military service to locate and identify each recorded DD214 document. Then copies have to be manually produced from library film records and a typed report is then prepared. As the records base becomes larger and larger, DNR recording staff are spending more and more time each month in tracking and reporting this information. In the Anchorage office alone, this amounts to between four and six hours a month. Statewide, the report preparation and processing time is estimated at more than 200 hours per year (at an approximate cost of \$5.0). While this is not a huge block of time, it does represent valuable work time that will be devoted to other component priorities such as indexing and mailback functions which frequently fall into backlog status.

At the present time, the Vital Statistics office merely stores the document copies and the reports for use in the event a veteran ever requests the information from their office. The state's recording system is the official repository for all recorded documents, including military separation papers which are recorded at no charge pursuant to another provision of this same statute. This proposal would eliminate both the requirement for recorders to submit copies to Vital Statistics and the requirement for Vital Statistics to maintain separate records of such information. This proposal is in line with meeting the Governor's objectives to balance the budget by streamlining government processes. Elimination of unnecessary and redundant processes frees up valuable staff time in both agencies to meet other established objectives.

Fiscal impact of this proposal can only be measured in terms of improving available staff time in the recording section to work toward meeting other statutory mandates, such as daily recordation and indexing of incoming documents. Staff time involved in the manual tracking and preparation of reports and copies for Vital Statistics varies by office, but as noted above is estimated at more than 200 hours per year statewide.

HOUSE BILL NO. 137

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced: 2/23/01

Referred: House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs, Resources

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to records of veterans of the armed forces; and providing for an
2 effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 26.10.070(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A veteran may record without fee the veteran's armed forces report of
6 separation at a recorder's office of the Department of Natural Resources. [EACH
7 RECORDER'S OFFICE SHALL PERIODICALLY SUBMIT TO THE BUREAU OF
8 VITAL STATISTICS COPIES OF THE REPORTS OF SEPARATION THAT IT
9 RECORDS.]

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 26.10.070(b) is repealed.

11 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

SPONSOR STATEMENT
HB 137 "AN ACT RELATING TO RECORDS OF VETERANS OF
THE ARMED FORCES"
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS
AFFAIRS

This bill will eliminate the requirement that recording offices of the Department of Natural Resources periodically provide the bureau of vital statistics in the Department of Health and Social Services copies of separation papers submitted to the various recording offices by veterans of the armed forces. It will also eliminate the requirement that the bureau of vital statistics maintain a record of veterans' separation papers compiled from copies of reports received from the recording offices and information submitted to the bureau by veterans.

The requirement for two state agencies to retain the same records is duplicative and unnecessary. The state's recording systems is the official depository of all recorded documents. Although the two agencies above are legally required to retain the separation papers, the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs also stores these documents as a courtesy.

Veterans' separation papers are recorded free of cost to the veteran. Copies of the document when requested are also free. Recordation is voluntary and benefits the veteran.

This bill emphasizes that there need be only one repository for these official papers and eliminates duplicative government processes.

Sec. 26.10.070. Record of veterans of the armed forces of the United States.

(a) A veteran may record without fee the veteran's armed forces report of separation at a recorder's office of the Department of Natural Resources. Each recorder's office shall periodically submit to the bureau of vital statistics copies of the reports of separation that it records.

(b) The bureau of vital statistics shall keep a record from copies of reports received under (a) of this section and from information voluntarily submitted to the bureau by veterans of all persons who are bona fide residents of Alaska and who actively served in the Alaska Territorial Guard, Alaska National Guard, organized reserve units, United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps or Coast Guard since April 6, 1917. The record shall contain the name, age and place of residence at the time of entering service, place and date of commission, enlistment, or induction, branch of service, record of service, and the date, place, and nature of discharge.

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List of Witnesses

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For

HOUSE BILL 144

"An Act requiring nonresident hunters to be accompanied when hunting moose"

House Bill 144 will add moose to AS 16.05.407(a), which currently requires nonresidents to be accompanied while hunting brown bear, grizzly bear, mountain goat, and sheep in Alaska. This bill will add moose to that list and require a nonresident to hunt moose with a guide.

Moose are an extremely valuable and widely used resource of the State of Alaska; as such they should be managed wisely. A big step in managing a resource wisely is to require accountability from those that use the resource. Another very important step is to eliminate, as much as possible, any waste of that resource.

Passage of this bill will assure that nonresident moose hunters are given the assistance needed, by someone accountable, for legal hunting and proper game care during their time in the field. At present unaccompanied nonresidents account for a significantly greater proportion of subsistence related conflicts, violations of wanton waste laws, and illegal hunting practices.

Guides attempt to police and maintain the strength of the resource. This legislation will enhance that opportunity.

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Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	0.0	(950.6)	(950.6)	(950.6)	(950.6)	(950.6)

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1002 Federal Receipts						
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1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other -- F&G Fund (1024)		(950.6)	(950.6)	(950.6)	(950.6)	(950.6)
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

Check this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2002 budget proposal:

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POSITIONS	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Full-time	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Temporary	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

Assumptions: (1) General Funds will be appropriated to compensate for losses to the F&G Fund and allow the division to maintain existing programs; (2) demand for nonresident moose hunting will remain constant in the future; (3) the guide requirement will result in approximately the same reduction in nonresident hunters for moose as resulted with imposition of the 1989 guide requirement for mountain goats (i.e., 70%). This will equate to an annual loss of license and tag revenue to the Fish & Game Fund of about \$950.6.

[3732 nonresident hunters x 75% unguided x 70% reduction in hunters x \$485 license/tag fee = \$950.6]

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Date: Fri, 13 Apr 2001 06:50:44 -0600

From: "Jim Rogers" <jrogers@sanz-inc.com>

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Dear Jennifer -

This bill, HB-144, deserves to die quickly, with a wooden stake through it.

I have hunted big game for over 20 years and have NEVER hired a guide. In addition, I have introduced several friends and coworkers to the joys of big game hunting. Although we often split costs for food and fuel, I have never charged a fee of any kind. A bill such as HB-144 would unjustly prohibit such activity.

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Thank you.

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