



Senate Resources Committee

In this time of renewed vigor toward responsible Resource development in Alaska, it is the job of the Resources Committee to review all proposed legislation that deals with utilization of our State's resources, whether that be for commercial, private or recreational purposes

Legislation Passed by the Senate Resources Committee

Senate Bill 31: Railroad Utility Corridor

Senate Bill 31 sponsored by Sen. John Cowdery (R-Anchorage) would authorize the Alaska Railroad Corp. to delineate a transportation and utility corridor from its terminus at Eielson AFB to the Alaska-Canada border.

Senate Bill 50: Royalty Gas Contracts

Amends existing statutory language that establishes the manner of determining the royalty received by the state on gas production.

Senate Bill 56: Sport Fishing Fees For Yukon Residents

Allows a resident of the Yukon Territory the ability to purchase sport-fishing licenses for Alaskan waters at the same rate as Alaska residents.

Passed Senate

Senate Bill 79: Extend Alaska Minerals Commission

Extends the termination date of the Alaska Minerals Commission.

Passed Senate and House

Senate Bill 88: Forest Resources & Practice Standards

Revises the riparian management standards of the Forest Resources Practices Act (FRPA) for Region III by strengthening protection for fish habitat and water quality in a manner that continues to support both the timber and fishing industries.

Passed Senate and House

Senate Bill 139: AK Salmon Price Report Program

Repeals the sunset date and will permanently establish the Alaska Salmon Price Report in statute.

Passed Senate and House

Senate Bill 141: Child Support/ Social Security Number

Repeals the termination date of certain provisions that require the reporting of social security numbers and automated data matching with financial institutions for child support enforcement purposes; relating to social security numbers on applications for commercial fishing licenses of.

Passed Senate and House

Senate Bill 147: Control of Nuisance Wild Animals

Provides 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.

Passed Senate and House

Senate Bill 151: Gas Pipeline Transportation Tariffs

Clarifies that the RCA has the authority to authorize "firm" and "interruptible" services for other Alaskan gas transmission pipelines.

Passed Senate and House

Senate Bill 155: Predator Control

Make changes that will allow the Fish and Game Board as well as the Commissioner to better manage wildlife by balancing predator and game populations based on the best science available.

Passed Senate and House

Senate Bill 164: Extend Board of Storage Tank Assistance

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Senate Bill 164 moved out of the Senate Resources Committee. Sponsored by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee, SB 164 would extend the board of Storage Tank Assistance until 2007.

Senate Joint Resolution 4: Endorsing ANWR Leasing

Urges the United States Congress to pass legislation opening the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, to oil and gas exploration, development and production.

Passed Senate and House

House Bill 16: Stranded Gas Act

Expands the areas of potential gas exploration and development that fall under the Act. Currently, the statute only qualifies natural gas projects that export the gas in liquefied form. HB 16 would allow gas development and transportation in any form and does not specify a pipeline route. HB 16 also extends the June 30, 2001 deadline to March 31, 2005 to allow the state and producers to begin new contract negotiations.

Passed Senate and House

House Bill 69: Regulation of Shallow Natural Gas

Ensures that the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has the authority and discretion necessary to regulate shallow gas drilling while also providing for human safety and environmental protection.

Passed Senate and House

House Bill 90: Tax Credit for Salmon Development

Provides a tax credit for salmon product development. The purpose of the measure is to encourage industry to invest in the production of new value-added salmon products to improve the marketability of Alaska salmon through diversification of product forms. Additionally, the measure would provide an added impetus for new fishery businesses considering processing salmon to make investments in Alaska. House Bill 90 will assist in improving Alaska's competitive position in salmon markets as it is utilized to develop value-added salmon products for placement into world markets.

Passed Senate and House

House Bill 139: Closing Certain Land to Mineral Entry

Closes state land in the upper Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages to new mineral entry for ten years. The purpose of the closure is to allow development plans to move toward development of additional ski facilities. Previous studies have documented the area's terrain as having some of the finest alpine skiing conditions in North America. During the ten-year closure period, the Heritage Land Bank will be looking for solutions that begin this commercial development. If development does not begin within the ten-year timeframe, the area will reopen to mineral entry on April 3, 2012. If development does begin before April 3, 2012, the land shall remain closed to mineral entry.

Passed Senate and House

House Bill 146: Child Support/Social Security Numbers

Repeals a sunset law on reporting social security numbers and automated data matching with financial institutions for the purpose of child support enforcement. By continuing to report this information, Alaska will continue to receive federal funds to finance the state child support program and the Alaska Temporary Assistance Program.

Passed Senate and House

House Bill 191: Coastal Management Programs

Streamlines the Alaska Coastal Management Program by relying on existing state statutes and regulations as the enforceable policies of the ACMP. HB 191 first allows municipalities to retain their existing land use authorities to regulate private activity within their jurisdiction. Second, the bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as the implementing agency, to adopt local ordinances as enforceable policies to be applied in consistency reviews of federal projects and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) development. The DNR would consult with the local government when interpreting and applying the local ordinance as part of a consistency review. Third, the bill would specifically adopt certain existing coastal district policies for federal OCS development as state enforceable policies.

Passed the Senate and House

House Concurrent Resolution 6: Extend Joint Salmon Industry Task Force

Extends the life of the Joint Legislative Salmon Industry Task Force until the end of the regular session of the twenty-third legislature.

Passed the Senate and House