

Sponsor Statement

House Bill 19

“An Act relating to pesticides and broadcast chemicals; and providing for an effective date.”

House Bill 19 levies a registration fee for pesticide and broadcast chemicals registered for sale or distribution in the state of Alaska and sets public notice requirements for their application.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) currently registers pesticides and other broadcast chemicals for sale in the state of Alaska. Every state has a registration program, and in every state except Alaska a manufacturer must pay a fee to register a chemical for sale or distribution. Fees range from \$15.00 per chemical in Missouri to \$750.00 per chemical in California. Fees from registrations support respective state agencies pesticide and broadcast chemical regulation and registration programs.

Alaska’s pesticide and broadcast chemical registration program has traditionally been paid for with state general fund dollars. The \$115.00 per chemical fee levied in HB 19 would shift the burden of Alaska’s pesticide regulation and registration program from general funds to program receipts.

Approximately 5,700 chemicals are currently registered with ADEC. These chemicals are used for a wide variety of beneficial public purposes on public and private property. HB 19 requires that public notice is given when these chemicals are used in or around a public place, or place of employment. The use of pesticides or chemicals on private property is not subject to the public notice requirements in HB 19.

The sustainable funding for Alaska’s pesticide and broadcast chemical regulation and registration programs, and reasonable public notice requirements established in HB 19 will strengthen ADEC’s ability to regulate pesticide and broadcast chemical use for the public benefit.