

Requested by: Mayor Dianne M. Keller  
Adopted: March 22, 2004  
Vote: Unanimous; Lowe absent

**CITY OF WASILLA  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 04-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING SENATE BILL  
329 RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NUISANCE MOOSE**

WHEREAS, the ever-growing moose population continues to pose a significant risk to the health, safety and/or economic well-being of Alaskans, and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 329 addresses the necessity for public safety, not only in the schools and neighborhoods, but also on our city roads due to the increasing moose populations throughout Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans who live on the road system have an increased threat of vehicle/moose collisions at a high rate of speed in heavy snowfall conditions causing both human and moose injury and/or death and vehicle damage; and

WHEREAS, many rural areas of the state have moose populations which are declining because of pressures from hunting and predation, and by transporting moose and supplementing the moose population in rural areas would have positive effects;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 329 recommends relocation of moose at the least cost to the state and with greatest concern for the health of the moose, and that any costs associated with the program will be assumed by groups such as the Alaska Moose Federation or similar private organizations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wasilla City Council that we support Senate Bill 329.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on March 22, 2004.

  
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DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, CMC  
City Clerk

[SEAL]



**CITY OF WASILLA  
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**RE: RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 04-16 IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 329  
RELATING TO CONTROL OF NUISANCE MOOSE**

Agenda of: March 22, 2004  
Originator: Mayor Dianne M. Keller

Date: March 16, 2004

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police	
	Recreational and Cultural Services Library, Museum	
	Public Works Planning	
X	Finance *signature required	
X	Clerk	

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:

*Dianne M. Keller*

FISCAL IMPACT:  yes or  no

Funds Available  yes  no

Account name/number:

Attachments: Senate Bill 329

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The City of Wasilla has been asked to support Senate Bill 329. A copy of the bill is attached for your review. This bill allows the problem of ever-growing urban moose populations to be dealt with by proactively removing "nuisance" urban moose from where they are a liability to rural Alaska where they will be an asset. The Alaska Moose Federation is the leader in this effort and I, among others, are members of their Advisory Board.

**SENATE BILL NO. 329**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY SENATOR BUNDE BY REQUEST**

**Introduced: 2/13/04**

**Referred: Resources, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to control of nuisance moose."**

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

3 **\* Section 1.** AS 16.05 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4           **Sec. 16.05.052. Nuisance moose.** The commissioner shall avoid destruction  
5 of nuisance moose if a practicable alternative exists for the relocation of the moose to  
6 suitable habitat where the moose will not be a nuisance. The commissioner shall seek  
7 to relocate nuisance moose at the least cost to the state. The commissioner may  
8 authorize one or more private individuals or groups to relocate nuisance moose to  
9 suitable habitat if, upon review and evaluation of a written application and proposal,  
10 the commissioner finds that the individual or group is qualified to relocate nuisance  
11 moose without danger to the public, themselves, or the moose. In this section,  
12 "nuisance moose" means a moose located in an area of concentrated human population  
13 that poses a significant risk to the health, safety, or economic well-being of persons in  
14 the area.