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### **Senator Stedman Applauds Governor Walker's Actions Supporting Timber Industry**

JUNEAU – Senator Bert Stedman applauded and thanked Governor Bill Walker today for his support and signature of SB 32 into law. SB 32 which is an act relating to the sale of timber on state land was introduced and carried through the Legislature by Governor Walker this year. The intent is to help Alaskans and Alaskan families who are employed in the timber industry. The bill expands the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to offer negotiated timber sales versus waiting until a crisis has developed and a region is suffering with high unemployment rates. This is very positive news for the small timber operators and mills, particularly in our region, and where timber supply has been restricted. SB 32 passed the Legislature with near unanimous support. The Board of Forestry also supported the bill unanimously.

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