

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

Original
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LRB Number 15-1836/1	Introduction Number SB-079
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Description
 Authorizing reimbursement to counties for the costs incurred in processing and donating certain wild turkeys

Fiscal Effect

State:

No State Fiscal Effect
 Indeterminate

<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

No Local Government Costs
 Indeterminate

1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS s. 20.370 (5) (fs); 20.370 (5)(ft)	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposed legislation would add wild turkeys to the existing venison donation program. The fiscal impact of this legislation is indeterminate because it is difficult to estimate the level of participation; however, the Department thinks that relatively few hunters would have the opportunity to donate a wild turkey and that fiscal impacts would be minimal.

Revenue

The bill would expand the voluntary contribution program for venison processing to include donations for wild turkey processing. Under the current program, hunting license buyers can donate at least \$1 to the program when purchasing their license. Since donations under the current program accounted for less than \$2,000 in revenue last year, it is estimated that expanding the program to include donations for wild turkey processing would generate a minimal, but indeterminate amount of revenue.

Note that the Department currently administers a venison donation program that is funded primarily by the agricultural damage surcharge of \$2 from the sale of most hunting licenses. The agricultural damage surcharge is also the primary funding source for the agricultural damage, claims, and abatement program.

Costs

One possible way to estimate turkey donations would be to consider participation in the existing venison donation program. In 2013 hunters donated 2,265 deer out of a total statewide hunter harvest of 342,631 animals, which equates to 0.66% of harvested deer. In 2013 hunters harvested 37,804 turkeys. If 0.66% of those birds were donated, it would equate to about 249 turkeys. A review of the cost to professionally process a turkey at a DATCP licensed meat establishment is \$10 per bird of 15 pounds or more, or a potential cost to the donation program of \$2,490 (249 x \$10).

A factor that is likely to limit participation in a turkey donation program is that the organizations who distribute meat want the products to have been processed at a Wisconsin licensed meat establishment to assure quality. In 2013, there were just 25 facilities licensed by DATCP to slaughter poultry and many of these businesses typically process large numbers of birds for customers by appointment as opposed to individual birds. It may be difficult to recruit licensed meat establishments who will process wild turkeys; therefore, hunter access to opportunities to donate birds may be limited.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications