

Fiscal Estimate - 2019 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 19-1863/1	Introduction Number AB-0029
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Description
 prohibiting contests for killing wild animals and providing a penalty

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
 - Increase Existing Revenues
 - Decrease Existing Revenues
 - Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes No
 - Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory
- 3. Increase Revenue Permissive Mandatory
- 4. Decrease Revenue Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected **Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations**

- GPR
 FED
 PRO
 PRS
 SEG
 SEGS

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This proposal creates new prohibitions related to contests for killing wild animals, subject to monetary forfeiture penalties. The Department does not presently regulate or track organized hunting contests, so the number of these events--and the corresponding future enforcement responsibilities under this proposal--is indeterminate.

Natural resource laws in Wisconsin are primarily enforced by conservation wardens. To achieve a successful enforcement program that promotes voluntary compliance, conservation wardens appropriately utilize community involvement, education, and enforcement in a fair and consistent manner. This includes proactive field patrol, complaint response, interviews, investigations, evidence documentation/analysis, reporting, citation issuance, charging referrals, and court officer duties.

Presently, the Department's conservation wardens are responsible for the enforcement of a large portfolio of natural resource, environmental, and recreational vehicle laws. This proposal does not allocate additional positions or funding, so conservation wardens will need to re-prioritize other enforcement efforts in order to include these new prohibitions within their enforcement programs, to an indeterminate degree.

Finally, forfeiture revenue generated from natural resource citations is remitted not to the Department, but rather to the state school fund. The violation rate, and corresponding conviction rate, for prohibitions included in this proposal, cannot be accurately projected. Therefore, the forfeiture revenue that may be received by the state is indeterminate.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications