



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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<b>Description</b> prohibiting contests for killing wild animals and providing a penalty					

### 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