

Fiscal Estimate - 2021 Session

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LRB Number 21-0509/1	Introduction Number AB-0049	
Description the wildlife damage abatement program and the wildlife damage claim program		
Fiscal Effect		
State: <input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
Local: <input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
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 20.370(5)(fq)		
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill makes several changes to the wildlife damage abatement program and the wildlife damage claim program.

I. State Fiscal Effect

A. Revenue

The department assumes the bill will have no impact on the amount of revenue that will be generated for wildlife damage program administration and payments (e.g. \$2 hunting license surcharges and \$12/\$20 resident/nonresident bonus deer permit surcharges).

B. Costs

1. Cost Decreases--Ongoing

The department estimates a \$50,000 annual decrease in program expenditures would be achieved through the elimination of the requirement that counties administer the program. The \$50,000 estimate was determined by looking at county administrative costs charged in excess of the USDA-Wildlife Services budget in counties that contracted program services to USDA-Wildlife Services.

2. Cost increases--Ongoing

The department estimates a \$606,400 annual increase in program expenditures, itemized and based on the following assumptions:

- Commodities grown will remain constant
- Commodity prices will remain constant
- Damage rates per acre will remain constant
- Annual satellite and activation fees for bear trap monitors will remain constant
- Existing enrolled agricultural acreage will remain enrolled (increasing annual compensation payments due to the elimination of the compensation limit)
- New enrollments will increase by 10% (increasing annual compensation payments)
- Program administrative costs will increase by 3% (increasing annual administrative costs for enrolling new producers, implementing abatement, and conducting crop appraisals)
- Amount of corn damaged to access trap locations does not increase significantly
- One additional USDA-Wildlife Services employee is hired to conduct bear trapping and relocation services

3. Cost increases--one-time

The department estimates one-time costs of \$94,000 will be necessary for the purchase of bear trap monitors and additional equipment to handle the projected increase in bear trapping and relocation.

II. Local Government Fiscal Effect:

Since program services would no longer be provided by counties, as prescribed in the bill, the associated administrative costs would be eliminated and counties would no longer be reimbursed by the state for those costs. Therefore the department estimates an annual decrease of \$214,900 in both costs and revenue for the seventeen counties that have a county employee implement the program or hire a private wildlife damage technician for program implementation. The amount of administrative funding varies by county and ranges from \$600 - \$43,500 per county.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The wildlife damage program currently has a balance of approximately \$5.8 million. However, because the bill is projected to result in a net increase in wildlife damage costs, the long-term fiscal effect will be the eventual proration of wildlife damage claim payments to agriculture producers since total program costs will be expected to exceed available revenues in most years.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2021 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect): Estimated one-time costs of \$94,000 for the purchase of bear trap monitors and additional equipment to handle the projected increase in bear trapping and relocation.		
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:	
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs	
A. State Costs by Category		
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$	\$
(FTE Position Changes)		
State Operations - Other Costs	120,600	-50,000
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	485,800	
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$606,400	-\$50,000
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S	606,400	-50,000
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)		
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$	\$
GPR Earned		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S		
TOTAL State Revenues	\$	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT		
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$556,400	-\$214,900
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	-\$214,900
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