

ORIGINAL UPDATED
CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL

FISCAL ESTIMATE
DOA-2048 N(R10/94)

Subject

Prohibiting The Use Of Dogs In Hunting Bear

Fiscal Effect

State: No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

Increase Costs - May be possible to Absorb Within Agency's Budget Yes No
Decrease Costs

Increase Existing Appropriation Increase Existing Revenues
Decrease Existing Appropriation Decrease Existing Revenues
Create New Appropriation

Local: No local government costs

- 1. Increase Costs Permissive Mandatory
2. Decrease Costs Permissive Mandatory
3. Increase Revenues Permissive Mandatory
4. Decrease Revenues Permissive Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected: Towns Villages Cities Counties WTCS Districts School Districts Others

Fund Sources Affected GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEG-S Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations 20.370 (3)(mu), (5)(fq), (9)(mu)

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

SUMMARY OF BILL -Under this proposal, the training and use of dogs for bear hunting are prohibited.

FISCAL IMPACT - In 1998, there were 45,025 applicants for bear hunting permits. In 1999, 5,919 harvest permits will be issued to try to harvest a target of 3,170 bears. About 3,100 bears were killed in 1998. Bait hunters have lower success rates than hunters using dogs. Thus, under this bill, an estimated 2 to 3 times the number of permits would need to be issued to keep the bear harvest close to current levels. Revenue from additional permits would increase by an estimated \$260,773 (5,723 resident permits @ \$41 each and 130 non-resident permits @ \$201 each = \$260,773). Costs to process the additional licenses would be an estimated \$17,600. Bear license applications would likely decrease as some hunters using dogs, plus those who assist them in the hunt, discontinue bear hunting. It is estimated that there would be a reduction of 20% in sales of Class B licenses, resulting in a loss of revenue of an estimated \$72,000 (9,000 Class B licenses @ \$8.00 each). There may be a small savings in processing of applications if these hunters drop entirely out of the drawing. Wildlife damage claims from bears are estimated to stay the same, since the management goal would be to harvest the same number of bears. Revenues to the Wildlife Damage Program would decrease by an estimated \$3,200 annually (an increase of \$5,800 from additional harvest permits, combined with a reduction of \$9,000 from reduced Class B license sales).

The cost for the increase in the Law Enforcement workload is estimated to be .25 FTE and \$19,200 annually (\$15,000 salary and fringe, and \$4,200 support). Law Enforcement handled approximately 160 complaints in 1998 related to bear hunting. Not all complaints were dog related. The total cost of handling these complaints is estimated to be \$9,000 annually. Doubling or tripling the number of hunters would increase the number of contacts substantially. It is likely some illegal use of dogs would occur also if this bill were to become law.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

It is possible that there may be a steady increase in wildlife damage claims associated with bear damage if there is a lower success rate for harvest resulting from less efficient hunting, leading to a steadily rising bear population.

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FISCAL ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

1999 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect
DOA-2047 (R10/94)

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LRB or Bill No./Adm. Rule No.
AB 125

Amendment No.

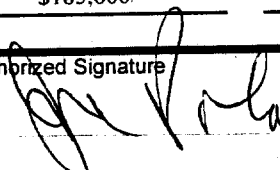
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I. One-Time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):

II. Annualized Costs:		Annualized Fiscal impact on State funds from:	
A. State Costs by Category		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes		\$15,000	
(FTE Position Changes)		0.25	
State Operations - Other Costs		\$21,800	
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category		\$36,800	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
III. State Revenues:		Increased Rev.	Decreased Rev.
<small>Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</small>			
GPR Taxes			
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S		\$260,800	(\$75,200)
TOTAL State Revenues		\$260,800	(\$75,200)

NET ANNUALIZED IMPACT

	<u>STATE</u>	<u>LOCAL</u>
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$36,800	\$0
NET CHANGE IN REVENUES	\$185,600	\$0

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