

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 4/21/2011

LRB Number	11-0719/1	Introduction Number	AB-0082	Estimate Type	Original
Description Wildlife damage abatement assistance and claim payments for damage caused by cougar					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill adds wildlife damage caused by cougar to the type of damage for which a person is eligible to receive wildlife damage payments. The bill also exempts that person from the requirement that the land be open for the hunting of cougar in order to be eligible to receive wildlife damage payments.

Wisconsin has not had a verified case of cougar depredation on a domestic animal; however, in the past three year the presence of individual cougars has been verified four times. Cougars have attacked domestic animals in other states and it is reasonable to assume that depredation is possible in Wisconsin. For the short term, while there is not an established breeding population here or in neighboring states, we estimate zero to one claim being received and verified per year.

The most comparable type of wild animal depredation that Wisconsin investigates is wolf attacks on livestock. In 2010, claims were paid for sheep, cattle, turkeys, farm-raised deer, and a goat (also hunting dogs and other pets, but those would not be covered under this bill and are not considered in this estimate). The department paid claims in 97 incidents for a total of \$142,637, or an average of \$1,470 per verified depredation. Therefore, based on the average claim for livestock damage by wolves in 2010, the Department estimates that in years when there is a claim, the value of cougar damage to livestock would be \$1,470 (rounded to \$1,500).

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

Cougars are not known to be established in neighboring states and we do not anticipate that happening in WI until they are established in IA or MN (assuming that the source populations are states like SD). However, should they become established in WI, the fiscal implications would be greater.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2011 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):			
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	1,500		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$1,500	\$	
B. State Costs by Source of Funds			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S (Conservation Fund)	1,500		
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)			
	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	\$1,500	\$	
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	\$	
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