

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DNR 2/19/2024

LRB Number	23-5729/1	Introduction Number	SB-1006	Estimate Type	Original
Description the wildlife damage abatement program and the wildlife damage claim program					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

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

A. State Fiscal Effect

1. One-Time Costs

- a. \$87,500 for the purchase of 25 additional bear traps (\$3,500 each)
- b. \$17,500 for the purchase of 25 bear trap monitors (\$700 each)
- c. \$82,000 for the development of the on-line bear hunter registration system
- d. Total one-time costs of \$187,000

2. Ongoing Costs

a. The department estimates a \$250,000/yr. increase in damage compensation paid to producers under the assumptions that:

- i. commodities grown will remain constant
- ii. commodity prices will remain constant
- iii. damage rates per acre will remain constant
- iv. existing agricultural acreages enrolled and eligible for compensation will remain constant

b. The bill requires all live bear traps acquired with wildlife damage abatement assistance to be equipped with remote monitors, including traps placed under the program prior to the effective date of the bill. Therefore, the department estimates a \$1,250/yr. increase in costs for bear trap monitor fees, assuming annual satellite and activation fees for bear trap monitors will remain constant (\$50/trap/year).

c. The department estimates a \$25,000/yr. increase in costs for bear abatement expenditures, assuming a 20% increase in for bear trapping and relocation services resulting from the option for trapping and relocation of bear on leased properties.

d. The department estimates a \$5,000/yr. increase in costs to compensate farmers for crops destroyed due to accessing trap locations, assuming the amount of crops damaged to access bear trap locations does not increase significantly.

e. The department estimates a \$10,000/yr. increase in annual maintenance costs for an on-line bear hunter registration system.

f. The department estimates a \$63,000/yr. reduction in annual costs from no longer needing to reimburse counties for performing administrative tasks like preparing and submitting annual budgets and quarterly reimbursement requests and reviewing and approving claims and crop prices.

f. Total estimated net increase in costs of \$228,300/yr. (250,000 + 1,250 + 25,000 + 5,000 + 10,000 - 63,000).

B. Local Fiscal Effect

County revenues and costs would both decrease by \$63,000 (assuming \$900/county) because they would no longer be performing the administrative tasks identified above, and therefore, would no longer be compensated for those tasks by the department.

In addition, note that ten counties dedicate an employee for "on-the-ground" work to implement the wildlife

damage abatement and wildlife damage claim program--including such tasks as enrolling producers, providing abatement recommendations, conducting crop appraisals, etc. However, there would be no cost savings associated with what is proposed in the bill because those tasks still need to be performed, either by the department or the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The bill would likely increase wildlife damage account expenditures to a level that exceeds typical annual revenues. However, there is an estimated \$4.0 million surplus in the account that could cover overages for several years should they occur.

Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2023 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

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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 \$187,000 for the purchase of bear traps and bear trap monitors and for the development of an on-line bear hunter registration system.		
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	291,300	-63,000
Local Assistance		
Aids to Individuals or Organizations		
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$291,300	-\$63,000
B. State Costs by Source of Funds		
GPR		
FED		
PRO/PRS		
SEG/SEG-S	291,300	-63,000
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	\$228,300	-\$63,000
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$	-\$63,000
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