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Car-Killed Deer Funding (DNR -- Departmentwide)

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CURRENT LAW

Under current law, a program administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provides funding for the removal of car-killed deer from state highways. The program is funded 50% each from a general purpose revenue (GPR) and a segregated (SEG) fish and wildlife account appropriation.

GOVERNOR

As part of budget reductions of 10% of supplies and other-non personnel costs in most GPR and PR appropriations, reduce the annual authorized expenditures in the appropriation for administration of the car-killed deer removal program by \$51,000 GPR annually.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. The car-killed deer removal program is currently funded equally from GPR and fish and wildlife SEG. Base funding for the program is \$1,019,000 annually (\$509,500 GPR and \$509,500 SEG). While the bill would reduce expenditure authority in the GPR appropriation, it would not reduce expenditure authority in the corresponding SEG appropriation. Since the SEG appropriation is restricted to 50% of program costs, the appropriation under s. 20.370(3)(aw) of the statutes could be reduced by \$51,000 conservation fund SEG as well. The program would be funded at \$917,000 annually under this alternative (Alternative 2). Program expenditures have totaled between \$783,000 and \$799,000 over the last five fiscal years.

2. As program expenditures have not exceeded \$800,000 over the last five fiscal years, another option would be to reestimate both appropriations at \$400,000 annually (Alternative 3).

3. Although costs have been relatively steady over the last several years, another option would be to provide for a modest increase in deer removal costs for 2011-13. DNR expects contract costs may increase during the 2011-13 biennium primarily due to rising fuel costs. Providing for up to \$820,000 in 2011-12 and \$840,000 in 2012-13 would allow for an increase of somewhat over 2% annually, while \$148,000 in 2011-12 and \$128,000 in 2012-13 could be deleted (Alternative 4). Any funds unspent at the end of a fiscal year would lapse back to the fund of origin (general fund or fish and wildlife account of the conservation fund).

ALTERNATIVES

1. Approve the Governor's recommendation to reduce the appropriation under s. 20.370(3)(ad) of the statutes for DNR administration of the car-killed deer removal program by \$51,000 GPR annually. The program would be funded at \$968,000 annually (\$458,500 GPR and \$509,500 SEG). However, no more than \$917,000 could be spent.

2. Approve the Governor's recommendation. In addition, reduce the appropriation under s. 20.370(3)(aw) of the statutes for DNR administration of the car-killed deer removal program by \$51,000 fish and wildlife account SEG annually. The program would be funded at \$917,000 annually (\$458,500 GPR and \$458,500 SEG).

ALT 2	Change to Bill Funding
GPR	\$0
SEG	<u>- 102,000</u>
Total	- \$102,000

3. Reduce the appropriations for administration of the car-killed deer removal program by an additional \$58,500 GPR and by \$109,500 SEG each year. The program would be funded at \$800,000 annually (\$400,000 GPR and \$400,000 SEG).

ALT 3	Change to Bill Funding
GPR	- \$117,000
SEG	<u>- 219,000</u>
Total	- \$336,000

4. Delete an additional \$48,500 GPR and \$99,500 SEG in 2011-12 and \$38,500 GPR and \$89,500 SEG in 2012-13. Authorized funding for the car-killed deer removal program would total \$820,000 in 2011-12 and \$840,000 in 2012-13.

ALT 4	Change to Bill Funding
GPR	- \$87,000
SEG	<u>- 189,000</u>
Total	- \$276,000

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