

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0291

Title: Compensation for landowners suffering wild game damage

Primary Sponsor: Linda Nelson

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2002 Difference</u>	<u>FY2003 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	447,560	447,560
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	0	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts
	X	Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		X	Family Impact Form Attached

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Current Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks game damage program averages 787 complaints annually. An average of 240 (30 percent) of those complaints involve ungulate or game bird damage to harvested hay crops during the winter period of October 1 – March 31.
2. Using figures from another state's program similar to what is proposed in SB 291, average payment for claims involving wildlife damage to harvested hay crops was \$1,300. If the department averages 240 claims annually and makes payments at an average rate of \$1,300, the projected costs for claims payments will be \$312,000.

3. Administrative duties will require 3.50 FTE (grade 14). This assumes that each claim requires 30 hours of staff time to investigate, process, and handle ($30 \times 240 = 7,200$ and $7,200/2080 = 3.50$) Operating expenses for will be \$5,000 per FTE.
4. Since this bill has a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2000, the department will need to request a state supplemental appropriation in HB 3 for additional authority to cover payments from winter game damage that occurred in FY 2000.
5. Since this bill does not provide a revenue source for the game damage payments, the department will have to redirect existing authority and resources. This will require reducing other department game damage efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2002</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY2003</u> <u>Difference</u>
FTE	3.50	3.50
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Personal Services	118,060	118,060
Operating Expenses	17,500	17,500
Benefits	<u>312,000</u>	<u>312,000</u>
TOTAL	\$447,560	\$447,560
<u>Funding:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$447,560	\$447,560
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$447,560)	(\$447,560)