

# FISCAL NOTE

**Bill #:** SB0461

**Title:** Wolf collaring near livestock or population center

**Primary Sponsor:** Steinbeisser, D

**Status:** As Amended in Conference Committee

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Sponsor signature	Date	David Ewer, Budget Director	Date
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**Fiscal Summary**

	<b><u>FY 2006 Difference</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2007 Difference</u></b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Federal Special Revenue	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Revenue:</b>		
Federal Special Revenue	\$25,000	\$25,000
<b>Net Impact on General Fund Balance:</b>	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact<br><input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns<br><input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |
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**Fiscal Analysis**

ASSUMPTIONS:

**Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)**

1. The cost to collar a wolf/wolves within a pack and comply with this legislation is estimated to range from \$3,000 - \$10,000/pack. This includes helicopter time, trapping, labor, and equipment costs. For purposes of this fiscal note, \$5,000 will be used.
2. There are approximately 40 wolf packs in Montana. The department estimates 20 packs will meet the definition of being active near livestock or near population centers in areas where depredations are chronic or likely. An estimated 15 packs are already collared. Therefore, 5 remaining packs will be collared in FY 2006. (\$5,000 x 5 packs = \$25,000)
3. Natural and human caused mortality will result in 25 percent turnover in radio-collared wolves in FY 2007 and beyond. (20 packs x 25% x \$5,000 = \$25,000)
4. Per the legislation, only federal dollars will be spent. No state match will be required for spending federal funds.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 2006</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007</u> <u>Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$25,000	\$25,000
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$25,000	\$25,000
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$25,000	\$25,000
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0