



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill #	HB0274
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Title:	Revise laws related to licensing of outfitters and guides
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Primary Sponsor:	Greef, Edward
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Status:	As Introduced
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
State Special Revenue	(\$14,234)	(\$22,774)	(\$23,116)	(\$23,462)
Revenue:				
State Special Revenue	(\$24,750)	(\$24,750)	(\$25,122)	(\$25,498)
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>

Description of fiscal impact: This bill would revise the powers and duties of the Board of Outfitters including the revision of requirements for reporting, qualifications, applications, and exams which would result in both reductions and increases to expenses and changes to revenue currently received by the board.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- The board will need to propose new rules and amend existing rules in support of this legislation. This legislation will remove the license type of professional guide, add a "designated agent", change the definition of NCHU (net client hunter use), change rules regarding qualifications for outfitters and guides, and change components of operation plans including requirements for reporting, applications, and examinations among other items. It is estimated there will be a ten page rule notice and a four page adoption notice, which would cost \$700.
- The board will provide notice for public comment for changes to the rules. A post card will be mailed to interested parties guiding them to the board's website to review the notice of proposed changes and notify them of the opportunity for public comment in person or in writing. Cost = \$1,700 (\$100 per interested person to cover cost of post card, printing, labeling, and mailing to 1,700 licensees and interested parties).

3. It is assumed that board legal counsel will conduct the rule hearing for public comment with a court reporter present. It is estimated the hearing will last approximately two hours at a cost of \$440. Additional legal time to prepare the notice and adoption, review the rule changes, and assist the board is estimated to be sixty hours or \$5,700.
4. Total cost of rule-making estimated to be \$8,540.
5. The repeal of 37-47-103, MCA, for the publication of license information would have a reduction in expenses to the board of approximately \$700 for purchase of compact discs, mailers, and postage for sending these publications out as requested annually.
6. The repeal of 37-47-316, MCA, for the transfer of net client hunter use upon transfer of operations plan would in effect eliminate the authority of the board to audit NCHU. The board currently has one half time employee performing these audits. With the elimination of these audits, this employee would be reassigned to perform work for other boards for 50% of their time. The result of which would be a reduction in personal services to the board of 25% of the annual salary (50% of a half time employee) Auditor/Compliance Specialist. The total reduction of personal services would be \$13,824.
7. The repeal of 37-47-318, MCA, for fees in addition to annual license fee will eliminate the \$2.00 per license fee submitted by outfitters when they renew their license. Half of this revenue goes to the board and the other half is transferred to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). The board averages \$16,500 in revenue from this fee annually with an average of \$8,250 moved to FWP.
8. A 1.5% inflationary factor has been added for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Fiscal Impact:

Expenditures:

Personal Services	(\$13,824)	(\$13,824)	(\$14,031)	(\$14,242)
Operating Expenses	\$7,840	(\$700)	(\$711)	(\$721)
Transfers	(\$8,250)	(\$8,250)	(\$8,374)	(\$8,499)
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>(\$14,234)</u>	<u>(\$22,774)</u>	<u>(\$23,116)</u>	<u>(\$23,462)</u>

Funding of Expenditures:

State Special Revenue (02) - DoI	(\$14,234)	(\$22,774)	(\$23,116)	(\$23,462)
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>(\$14,234)</u>	<u>(\$22,774)</u>	<u>(\$23,116)</u>	<u>(\$23,462)</u>

Revenues:

State Special Revenue (02) DoL	(\$16,500)	(\$16,500)	(\$16,748)	(\$16,999)
State Special Revenue (02) - FW	(\$8,250)	(\$8,250)	(\$8,374)	(\$8,499)
TOTAL Revenues	<u>(\$24,750)</u>	<u>(\$24,750)</u>	<u>(\$25,122)</u>	<u>(\$25,498)</u>

Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):

State Special Revenue (02) DoL	(\$2,266)	\$6,274	\$6,368	\$6,463
State Special Revenue (02) - FW	(\$8,250)	(\$8,250)	(\$8,374)	(\$8,499)

Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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