



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0392
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<b>Title:</b>	Allowing excavation/sale of fossils at Makoshika State Park to benefit the park
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<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Doane, Alan
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<b>Status:</b>	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>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** HB 392 allows Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) to grant antiquities permits for excavation and sale of paleontological remains from Makoshika State Park.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

1. Section 1 of the bill provides that FWP may grant antiquity permits.
  - a. FWP would adopt rules similar to the current State Historic Preservation Office Antiquities Act permitting rules or those rules that exist under the Montana Heritage Commission; there is no fee required for the permit. Cost to establish these rules would be minimal and could be absorbed within the Parks Division budget.
  - b. Administrative oversight of a permitted dig could be carried out by Parks staff as a part of their existing duties.
2. Makoshika State Park staff has identified paleontological resources in the park and it is assumed that additional paleontological resources lie within the park's 11,663 acres.

- a. Any costs associated with extraction of paleontological specimens would be covered by the permit holder.
  - b. The predictability and quality of paleontological specimens needs to be identified on a case by case basis and what an organization or the specimen market would bear.
  - c. Sources of revenue for paleontological resources could come from field school digs by museums, universities, or other scientific organizations that may be permitted under established rules.
3. The fiscal impact on revenue cannot be reasonably determined as it would be based on the number and variability of species, quality, condition, and specimen market.

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