GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill #	SB0341	**Title:**	Establish criteria for transplantation or augmentation of wildlife
Primary Sponsor:	Fielder, Jennifer	**Status:**	As Introduced

- ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact
- ☑ Needs to be included in HB 2
- ☐ Technical Concerns
- ☐ Included in the Executive Budget
- ☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts
- ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	FY 2014 Difference	FY 2015 Difference	FY 2016 Difference	FY 2017 Difference
Expenditures:				
General Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue	$415,625	$4,750	$4,821	$4,894
Federal Special Revenue	$106,875	$14,250	$14,464	$14,681
Revenue:				
General Fund	$0	$0	$0	$0
State Special Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Federal Special Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	$0	$0	$0	$0

Description of fiscal impact: SB 341 requires the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to complete management plans and environmental assessments (EA) prior to transplantation and augmentation of wildlife. The bill will result in an increased number of EA's conducted by the agency.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

1. SB 341 establishes criteria for transplantation and augmentation of wildlife species and requires a management plan and environmental assessment (EA) including a public scoping process.
2. Under current statute, the Wildlife Division conducts an EA for any new transplantation or introduction of wildlife.
3. FWP anticipates there will be a minimum of 55 augmentation events annually involving fish and wildlife species that would require an EA and SB 341. FWP will contract for EAs at a cost of $9,500 each.

a. The Fisheries Division will conduct EAs on 40 different watersheds where fish are planted for 5-year intervals.
b. The cost of Fisheries Division EAs would be $380,000 state special revenue in FY 2014.
c. The Wildlife Division assumes 15 EAs as follows:
   i. 2 sheep (or beaver, mtn goat, turkey, prairie dog, swan, etc.) augmentations per year each with its own EA process
   ii. 1 pheasant release (one EA conducted "programmatically" at statewide level for 10-year interval).
   iii. 6 black bear conflict releases (EAs conducted programmatically at regional level for 10-year intervals—Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7)
   iv. 5 grizzly bear conflict releases (5 EAs conducted programmatically at regional level for 10-year intervals—one each for Regions 1 – 5).
   v. 1 grizzly bear augmentation (1 EA conducted programmatically for 10-year intervals—Region 1).
   vi. The cost of Wildlife Division EAs would be $142,500 funded $106,875 federal special revenue and $35,625 state special revenue in FY 2014 and $19,000 funded $14,250 from federal special revenue and $4,750 state special revenue in FY 2015.
   vii. A 1.5% inflation factor is applied to 2 EAs per year in FY 2016 and FY 2017.

	FY 2014 Difference	FY 2015 Difference	FY 2016 Difference	FY 2017 Difference
Fiscal Impact:				
Expenditures:				
Operating Expenses	$522,500	$19,000	$19,285	$19,574
TOTAL Expenditures	$522,500	$19,000	$19,285	$19,574
Funding of Expenditures:				
State Special Revenue (02)	$415,625	$4,750	$4,821	$4,894
Federal Special Revenue (03)	$106,875	$14,250	$14,464	$14,681
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	$522,500	$19,000	$19,285	$19,574
Revenues:				
State Special Revenue (02)	$0	$0	$0	$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	$0	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL Revenues	$0	$0	$0	$0
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):				
State Special Revenue (02)	($415,625)	($4,750)	($4,821)	($4,894)
Federal Special Revenue (03)	($106,875)	($14,250)	($14,464)	($14,681)

Effect on County or Other Local Revenues or Expenditures:

1. Local governments may incur costs related to the required consultation and coordination with FWP.

Sponsor's Initials	*Date*	*Budget Director's Initials*	*Date*