SENATE FISH AND GAME
EXHIBIT NO. 6
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BILL NO. SB 156

Senate Bill 156
January 22, 2013
Presented by Hank Worsech
Senate Fish and Game Committee

Mr. Chairman and committee members, I am Hank Worsech, License Bureau Chief, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP). I am here in opposition to Senate Bill 156.

SB 156 would allow a resident to be deceased parent, sibling, or child who was a resident at the time of that individual's death. This would expand the number of licenses issued to the nonresident relative of a resident license and under the current situation of not selling all of the nonresident licenses; this would result in an additional loss of revenue. A Fiscal Note has been prepared.

The total number "Nonresident Native licenses" issued for 2012 were 1,171 deer licenses at $64; 1,001 elk licenses at $80; and 416 upland game bird license at $30.

This is one of many bills that affect hunting and fishing license costs, structure, and fees, each of which is being addressed independently. It would be timely over the next interim to look at incremental changes that have been made over time to all FWP licenses, fees, and license structure to determine the most effective and equitable system for hunters and anglers.

I will also hand out a spreadsheet representing the current loss of revenue for discounted or free licenses issued.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have questions, I will be available. Thank you.

Lost Revenue to FWP by discounted or free licenses 2012

	License Type	Other	Senior	Youth 12-14	Youth 15-17	Disabled	Total	Regular Price	Discounted	Difference	Loss in Rev to FWP
1	Conservation and implied fishing*		41,027	10,251		7,634	58,912	$26.00	$8.00	$18.00	$1,060,416.00
2	Conservation and fishing				5,955		5,955	$26.00	$16.00	$10.00	$59,550.00
3	Sportsman W/O bear (youth)				6,219		6,219	$70.00	$25.00	$45.00	$279,855.00
4	Free Youth Sportsman				4,976		4,976	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00	$348,320.00
5	Deer A			4,818		4,931	9,749	$16.00	$6.50	$9.50	$92,615.50
6	Deer A		17,274				17,274	$16.00	$10.00	$6.00	$103,644.00
7	Elk			3,604		4,186	7,790	$20.00	$8.00	$12.00	$93,480.00
8	Elk		15,052				15,052	$20.00	$8.00	$12.00	$180,624.00
9	Upland Bird				1,304		1,304	$7.50	$3.00	$4.50	$5,868.00
10	Implied Upland Bird*		41,027	10,251		7,634	58,912	$7.50	$0.00	$7.50	$441,840.00
11	Implied Waterfowl*		41,027	10,281	4,654	7,634	63,596	$5.00	$0.00	$5.00	$317,980.00
12	Sportsman W/O bear (senior)		1,298				1,298	$70.00	$55.00	$15.00	$19,470.00
13	Military Recognition Sportsman **	1,298					1,298	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00	$90,860.00
14	Landowner Trapper	126					126	$20.00	$1.00	$19.00	$2,394.00
15	NR College Student License	393					393	$939.00	$70.00	$869.00	$341,517.00
16	NR youth upland/migratory	126					126	$160.00	$35.00	$125.00	$15,750.00
17	NR Native-Deer A	1,171					1,171	$250.00	$64.00	$186.00	$217,806.00
18	NR Native-Elk	1,001					1,001	$789.00	$80.00	$709.00	$709,709.00
19	NR Native-Upland Bird	416					416	$110.00	$30.00	$80.00	$33,280.00
20	Military Combat Disabled Deer A	8					8	$250.00	$125.00	$125.00	$1,000.00
21	Military Combat Disabled Deer B	2					2	$75.00	$37.50	$37.50	$75.00
22	Military Combat Disabled Antelope	8					8	$200.00	$100.00	$100.00	$800.00
23	Military Combat Disabled Deer B Res	1					1	$10.00	$5.00	$5.00	$5.00
24	Military Combat Disabled Antelope Res	2					2	$14.00	$7.00	$7.00	$14.00
25	NR Youth Sponsored BG	388					388	$939.00	$474.50	$464.50	$180,226.00
26	Cooperators Big Game Combo	127					127	$939.00	$0.00	$939.00	$119,253.00
27	Exceptional Youth BG Combo	2					2	$939.00	$0.00	$939.00	$1,878.00
28	Cooperator Sportsman	665					665	$70.00	$0.00	$70.00	$46,550.00
29	Flathead Conservation	6,998					6,998	$8.00	$0.00	$8.00	$55,984.00
30	Flathead Joint Bird	733					733	$7.50	$0.00	$7.50	$5,497.50
31	Flathead Joint Fishing	3,491					3,491	$18.00	$0.00	$18.00	$62,838.00

These numbers are at full replacement cost and assume full participation of implied licensure.
The Military recognition license sales are reimbursed from the General Fund.
*Implied privileges are licenses issued with the sale of a Conservation License. (Fishing, Upland Game and Migratory Bird licenses)
** The money for this license is reimbursed from the State general fund

Total **$4,889,099.00**