



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2019 Biennium

Bill # HB0286

Title: Allow livestock loss reimbursement for mountain lion predation

Primary Sponsor: Shaw, Ray L

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

	<u>FY 2018 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2019 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2020 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2021 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 286 makes mountain lion predation losses eligible for reimbursement to livestock producers.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- Presently, the Livestock Loss Board (administratively attached to the Department of Livestock) pays wolf and grizzly predation losses to livestock producers. These losses are paid from a general fund statutory appropriation of \$200,000 as per 81-1-112, MCA.
- HB 286 also makes losses due to mountain lion predation eligible for reimbursement to livestock producers.
- Based upon USDA Wildlife Services FY 2016 investigations for mountain lion damage, values for total livestock losses covered by the Livestock Loss Board would have been \$61,451.
- Total losses paid by the Livestock Loss Board in 2016 were in excess of the \$200,000 general fund statutory appropriation with the excess paid by one-time federal funds that are not a part of the agency budget.
- Any losses paid for claims due to mountain lions would come from the existing \$200,000 budget and would reduce funds available for claims due to wolf or grizzly bear predation.

Technical Notes:

1. The statutory appropriation located in 81-1-112, MCA, derived from HB 622 in the 2011 legislative session, expires on June 30, 2017. SB 73 proposed to extend the sunset on the statutory appropriation. If SB 73 is not passed and approved, the \$200,000 transferred from the general fund to Livestock Loss Mitigation Account would need to be appropriated in HB 2.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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