



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

**Bill #** SB0060

**Title:** Requiring trapper education for certain resident trappers

**Primary Sponsor:** Flowers, Pat

**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 2022 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue	\$133,928	\$10,136	\$10,136	\$10,136
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal 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:** SB 60 requires trappers to complete a course and be certified from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) for a trapper's license and to purchase a new C-4 license, which allows the public to only hunt and not trap bobcat, wolverine, and lynx.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:**

1. The license year runs from March 1 to February 28 annually. The requirements for both trapper education and the C-4 license would be for the 2022 license year, as the effective date of this bill is March 1, 2022.
2. There is no cost to the public to take FWP courses that are mandatory to purchase a license. The trapper education course would be eligible for federal Pitman-Robertson (PR) funding which is a 75% federal, 25% state match. State match would be from in-kind volunteer instructors' hours. Generally, there are enough hours for sufficient match on the federal amount. However, courses have switched from in person classes to online classes due to Covid19 concerns. This has reduced the number of in-kind hours available for match. If

the trapper education classroom portion is conducted online rather than in person, then there may not be enough in-kind hours to match the federal funding. State special revenue may be needed to make up the difference.

3. Based on current Class C license sales, FWP estimates there are approximately 5,000 trappers that were born after 1985 and would need to successfully complete the trapper education course prior to the 2022 license year. Costs for the first year would be higher than future years to accommodate the influx of trappers needing certification. After the initial year, FWP estimates that 300 students would take the course annually.
4. Table 1 below shows costs by fiscal year. FY2022 (in grey) shows initial costs reflecting one time only costs and the greater number of students anticipated to take the course in the first year.

**Table 1 SB60 Estimated Costs FY22-25**

Instructor Costs	Units	Cost Per	FY22	Units	FY23	FY24	FY25
Demo trapping kits	1	\$15,170	\$15,170				
Backgrounds checks	35	\$20	\$700				
Uniforms	35	\$170	\$5,950				
Instructor manuals	60	\$25	\$1,500				
Training	20	\$500	\$10,000				
Travel	100	\$200	\$20,000	20	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Misc., class supplies & incidentals					\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
<b>Sub</b>			<b>\$53,320</b>		<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>
Student costs							
Student manuals	5000	\$23	\$115,000	300	\$6,900	\$6,900	\$6,900
Event Manager	5000	\$2.05	\$10,250	300	\$615	\$615	\$615
<b>Sub</b>			<b>\$125,250</b>		<b>\$7,515</b>	<b>\$7,515</b>	<b>\$7,515</b>
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$178,570</b>		<b>\$13,515</b>	<b>\$13,515</b>	<b>\$13,515</b>
(less) 25% state match, in-kind hrs.			(\$44,642.50)		(\$3,378.75)	(\$3,378.75)	(\$3,378.75)
<b>Total Federal Expenses</b>			<b>\$133,928</b>		<b>\$10,136</b>	<b>\$10,136</b>	<b>\$10,136</b>

5. FWP does not know the number of people that currently buy the Class C license to only hunt (i.e., not trap) bobcat, wolverine, and Canada lynx. Therefore, the department cannot estimate the number of people that will purchase the new Class C-4 license for the same purpose. If the numbers of those currently buying a Class C and those that will buy a Class C-4 are the same, there will be no net revenue gain or loss as the cost of both licenses are the same.

**Expenditures:**

Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$133,928	\$10,136	\$10,136	\$10,136
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$133,928</b>	<b>\$10,136</b>	<b>\$10,136</b>	<b>\$10,136</b>

**Funding of Expenditures:**

General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$133,928	\$10,136	\$10,136	\$10,136
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$133,928</b>	<b>\$10,136</b>	<b>\$10,136</b>	<b>\$10,136</b>

**Revenues:**

General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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

General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Special Revenue (03)	(\$133,928)	(\$10,136)	(\$10,136)	(\$10,136)

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