



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0647

Title: Revise nonresident student hunting and fishing fees

Primary Sponsor: Galloway, Steven

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</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u> | <u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Expenditures: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Special Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Special Revenue | unknown | unknown | unknown | unknown |
| Net Impact-General Fund Balance: | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

Description of fiscal impact: HB 647 allows for non-resident full time college students to purchase hunting and fishing licenses for the same price as the equivalent resident license. The reduced license fee only applies if the college student's state of residence offers resident-rate licenses to Montanan college students.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

1. HB 647 provides two pricing options for full-time nonresident college students interested in purchasing hunting and fishing licenses.
2. Nonresident college students whose state of residence does not offer resident-rate licenses to Montanan full-time college students may purchase: nonresident big game combo, nonresident deer combo, nonresident elk combo, nonresident deer B tag, or nonresident antlerless elk B tag for half the price of the nonresident cost.
3. Nonresident college students, whose state of residence offer, resident-rate licenses to Montanans who are full-time college students in that state may purchase the following: fishing, upland game bird, deer A tag, elk tag,

big game combo, wildlife conservation license, migratory game bird, turkey tag, deer B tag, antlerless elk B tag for the same price of the equivalent resident license.

4. According to The Congressional Sportsman Foundation, there are currently 29 states that offer some type of full-time nonresident college student hunting and fishing discount.
5. Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) is unable to identify the equivalent resident licenses offered to full-time nonresident Montana students in those 29 states.
6. FWP does not track nonresident college students home residence so FWP is unable to identify how many nonresident full-time college students in Montana will be eligible for the proposed hunting and fishing licenses.
7. Prior to 2015, full-time nonresident college student big game combo license sold for \$70.00. The current fee for the nonresident college student big game combination license is \$523.00. With the price increase FWP saw an 80% decline in purchase from year 2015 to 2020. FWP assumes nonresident college student hunting and fishing interest will increase with a price reduction.
8. FWP is unable to determine a revenue increase or decrease with the two pricing options of hunting and fishing licenses available to nonresident full-time college students.
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| Hunting and Fishing Licenses | Current License Fee | Proposed License Fee | Change in License Fee |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Class B-30 NR College Student Fishing License | \$86.00 | \$21.00 | (\$65.00) |
| Class B-21 NR CS Upland Game Bird License | \$110.00 | \$7.50 | (\$102.50) |
| Class B-32 NR CS Deer A Tag | \$0.00 | \$16.00 | \$16.00 |
| Class B-33 NR CS Elk Tag | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| Class B-34 NR CS Big Game Combo License | \$523.00 | \$62.00 | (\$461.00) |
| NR Wildlife Conservation License | \$10.00 | \$8.00 | (\$2.00) |
| Class B-35 NR CS Migratory Game Bird License | \$50.00 | \$6.00 | (\$44.00) |
| Class B-36 NR CS Turkey Tag | \$115.00 | \$6.50 | (\$108.50) |
| Class B-37 NR CS Deer B Tag | \$37.50 | \$10.00 | (\$27.50) |
| Class B-38 NR CS Antlerless Elk B Tag | \$135.00 | \$20.00 | (\$115.00) |

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