



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # SB0255

Title: Create revenue for bison management funding

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</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	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 255 establishes an auction for a wild buffalo or bison license and directs proceeds from the bison auction and bison lottery to be used for bison management.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

1. This bill establishes an auction for a bison license.
2. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) compared the sale of super tags sold for bison to super tags sold for deer each year. The five-year average, 2016-2020 bison super tags sold was 4,838 and deer super tags sold was 4,924.
3. Based on the average number of super tags sold FWP assumes the auction revenue for bison will be comparable to the current auction revenue for deer.
4. The five-year average, 2016-2020 auction revenue for a deer tag is \$25,000 annually.

5. The agency assumes revenue from a bison auction would be \$25,000 annually.
6. The bill transfers all unspent funds to the general license account at the end of each fiscal year.
7. FY 2022 through FY 2025, expenditure increase in operations for bison management would be \$25,000.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Notes:

1. In SB 255, Section 2 Bison License Auction excludes the sentence “The commission shall promulgate rules for the use of the license and conduct of the auction or lottery.” This sentence is found in all other statutes of auction or lottery of an animal 87-2-722 through 87-2-725, MCA.

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