



*The Big Sky Country*

## MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### SPONSOR'S REBUTTAL TO FISCAL NOTE

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**House Bill Number: 163**

**Date Prepared:**

**Short Title:** An act revising the membership of the fish and wildlife commission; and amending section 2-15-3402 MCA

**Sponsor: Representative Paul C Fielder**

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**Generally, why do you disagree with the fiscal note?**

**The estimated fiscal note is about \$1,000 too high.**

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**Specifically, what in the fiscal note do you feel is flawed?**

The fiscal note may not be based on the 5 year average.

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**What is your estimate of the fiscal impact?**

Regarding costs of the Fish and Wildlife Commission, travel expenses are the highest cost. FWP says without knowing where the two new commissions would live, it will be hard to precisely estimate what expanding the commission would cost. But, the 5 year average (excluding this year) is \$4,358 per commissioner per year in travel costs.

By statute, commissioners also can claim a \$50 honorarium for their meetings and other meetings they attend that are relative to commission work, such as citizens advisory councils or WAFWA. The 5 year average (excluding this year) is \$1,320 per commissioner per year in honorarium fees.

**Sponsor Signature:**

Handwritten signature of Paul C Fielder in cursive script.

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