



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

<b>Bill information:</b>	
SB0298 - Revise laws related to hunting by disabled persons (Molnar, Brad )	
<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<b>FY 2024 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2025 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2026 Difference</b>	<b>FY 2027 Difference</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$68,494	\$62,614	\$19,095	\$19,095
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$14,322	\$71,610	\$71,610	\$71,610
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 298 allows disabled person to purchase a permit to hunt with a crossbow during an archery-only season.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:**

1. SB 298 creates a new category of disabled hunters with separate qualifications from the permit to hunt from a vehicle (PTHV).
2. There are currently 5,001 hunters that are certified as PTHV. Though it has different requirements, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) assume a similar number of hunters that qualify for PTHV will qualify for the new crossbow permit.
3. It is assumed that many hunters aged 70 and older may also qualify for the new crossbow permit. There are currently 26,368 hunters aged 70 and older.

4. Based on data from the ADA National Network, 30% of people over age 65 and 50% of people over age 75 are considered disabled.
5. It is estimated that 40%, or 10,547 hunters aged 70 and older will qualify for the new crossbow permit.
6. The total number of hunters that will qualify for the new crossbow permit is 15,548 (5,001 + 10,547).
7. Approximately 30.7% of hunters purchased a bow license. New crossbow permits purchased will be estimated to be 4,774 (15,548 hunters x 30.7%).
8. The license year runs from March 1 to February 28 annually, with most licenses purchased in May and June.
9. The crossbow permit will cost \$10 for the hunting season. The estimated revenue from the crossbow permit is \$47,740 (4,774 x \$10).
10. The crossbow permit holder will also be required to purchase a bow license for \$10 if they have not done so previously.
11. It is estimated that half of the crossbow permit holders will not have previously purchased a bow license. This will generate revenue of \$23,870 (4,774 / 2 x \$10).
12. The total revenue generated from the crossbow permit will be \$71,610.
13. To be eligible to purchase a crossbow permit, a person will have had to purchase a bow and arrow license within the last three years and completed a crossbow education course. This task cannot be handled automatically in the current licensing system.
14. Licensing staff will have to manually check for these requirements which will require temporary FTE for a License Permit Technician and one-time-only authority funding of \$64,674 in FY 2024 and \$43,519 in FY 2025.
15. It is expected that this can be added to the XMT system in license year 2025.
16. This bill will require FWP to conduct a survey and report the findings on the crossbow permits issued.
17. Based on other surveys conducted, 80% of hunters will respond. It is estimated that 3,819 hunters will respond the survey (4,774 x 80%).
18. There is a cost of five dollars per survey response. The cost associated with the survey and reporting requirements is \$19,095.
19. This bill terminates June 30,2027.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
FTE	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Personal Services	\$64,674	\$43,519	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$3,820	\$19,095	\$19,095	\$19,095
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$68,494</b>	<b>\$62,614</b>	<b>\$19,095</b>	<b>\$19,095</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$68,494	\$62,614	\$19,095	\$19,095
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>\$68,494</b>	<b>\$62,614</b>	<b>\$19,095</b>	<b>\$19,095</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$14,322	\$71,610	\$71,610	\$71,610
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$14,322</b>	<b>\$71,610</b>	<b>\$71,610</b>	<b>\$71,610</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$54,172)	\$8,996	\$52,515	\$52,515

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

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2-15-23

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

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