



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

**Bill information:**

HB0757 - Consideration of wildlife friendly fencing on public land (Gunderson, Steve )

**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 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$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:** HB 757 has no fiscal impact to the state.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

**Assumptions:****Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks (FWP):**

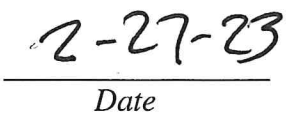
1. This bill requires FWP to consider wildlife-friendly fencing on land managed by the agency and requires DNRC to consult FWP regarding fencing options, technical assistance, and cost-sharing.
2. The agency assumes no appreciable change in fencing costs and assumes no additional FTE will be required to comply with this bill.

**Technical Notes:**

**Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC):**

1. Most fence work, repair, and replacement on state trust lands leases is done without DNRC involvement, as those fences are lessee owned, not DNRC owned. DNRC does not track every fence repair.
2. HB 757 would set requirements for trust lands that are different than for private landowners, which is not feasible, as many tracts are fenced in common. State trust lands are often fenced in common with private land as well as Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.
3. Cost-sharing is not an option as the fences are lessee owned improvements, not DNRC owned. Costs of improvements are factored into the grazing rate. DNRC has no ability to share in the cost or ownership of fences. There is no tracking mechanism in place to do this.

  
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