

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	HB0372.02 (00) enhancement pr	5	ense fees	used for	funding of upland game bird		
Primary Sponsor:	Tom France			Status:	As Amended in House Committee		
☐ Included in the Exe	ecutive Budget	☑ Needs to be included in HB 2			☐ Significant Local Gov Impact		
☐ Significant Long-T	erm Impacts	☐ Technical Cond	cerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached		
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	FY 2026 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
09006 Habitat MT Trust	\$17,003	\$17,003	\$17,003	\$17,003
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
09006 Habitat MT Trust	\$17,003	\$17,003	\$17,003	\$17,003
Net Impact General Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact

HB 372, as amended, proposes changing the 2026/2027 hunting license fee prices in order to increase the amount funded to the Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

1. HB 372, as amended, increases the Class A-1 Resident Upland Game Bird (UGB) License price from \$7.50 to \$8.00 beginning in License Year (LY) 2026. HB 372 also changes the earmarked amount that is distributed to the upland game bird fund from \$2.00 to \$2.50 and exempts half-priced A-1 licenses (for youth, disabled and senior residents) from the earmarked distribution. Based on LY 2023 sales, this would create an increase in revenue of \$12, 448/year. The following table shows the change in revenue by fund:

Class A-1 Licenses		Revenue	Revenue
		Increase/(Decrease)	Increase/(Decrease)
License Description	LY 2023 Quantity	General License	UGB Habitat
_	Sold	(Fund 02409)	(Fund 02113)
Resident UGB	19,515	\$0.00	\$9,757.50
Resident UGB Youth/Senior/Disabled	10,762	\$24,214.50	(\$21,524.00)

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Total	\$24,214.5	(\$11,766.50)
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2. HB 372 as amended increases the Class B-1 Nonresident Upland Game Bird license price from \$110 to \$127 beginning in LY 2026. HB 372 also changes the earmarked amount that is distributed to the upland game bird fund from \$23.00 to \$40.00 and exempts the nonresident relative of a resident (NRROR) B-1 licenses from the earmarked distribution. Based on LY 2023 sales, this would create an increase in revenue of \$138,184.50/year. The following table shows the change in revenue by fund:

Class B-1 Licenses		Rev	Rev	Rev
		Incr/(Decr)	Incr/(Decr)	Incr/(Decr)
License Description	LY 2023	General	UGB Habitat	Hunting Access
_	Quantity Sold	License (Fund	(Fund 02113)	(Fund 02334)
		02409)		
Nonresident UGB	8,005	\$0.00	\$136,085.00	\$0.00
Nonresident UGB Youth	199	\$1,691.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nonresident UGB NRROR	48	\$1,395.84	(\$1,104.00)	\$116.16
	Total	\$3,087.34	\$134,981.00	\$116.16

3. HB 372 as amended increases the price of a Class B-2 3-Day Nonresident Upland Game Bird license from \$50 to \$60 beginning in LY 2026. HB 372 also changes the earmarked amount that is distributed to the upland game bird fund from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Based on LY 2023 sales, this would create an increase in revenue of \$34,900/year. The following table shows the change in revenue by fund:

Class B-2 Licenses		Rev	Rev	Rev
		Incr/(Decr)	Incr/(Decr)	Incr/(Decr)
License Description	LY 2023 Quantity Sold	General License (Fund	UGB Habitat (Fund 02113)	Hunting Access (Fund 02334)
		02409)		
Nonresident UGB 3-Day	3,490	\$0.00	\$34,900.00	\$0.00

4. HB 372 as amended changes the price of a Class B-10 Nonresident Big Game Combination license from \$1,278—as currently adjusted by the consumer price index (CPI) allowed by statute—to \$1,312 beginning in LY 2026. HB 372 also changes the earmarked amount that is distributed to the upland game bird fund from \$23.00 to \$40.00, and exempts half-priced B-10 licenses—for youth, college students, and applicants who qualify for the NRROR and Come Home to Hunt half-priced licenses—from the earmarked distribution. Based on LY 2023 sales, this would create an increase in revenue of \$430,389/year. The following table shows the change in revenue by fund:

Class B-10 Licenses				Rev				
			I	ncr/(Deci)			
License Description	LY	General	UGB	Habitat	Hunting	Come	Habitat	Habitat
	2023	License	Habitat	MT	Access	Home	MT	MT
	Quantity	(Fund	(Fund A	cquisitio	n (Fund	to Hunt(&N	1 Trust
,	Sold	02409)	02113)	(Fund	02334)	(Fund	(Fund	(Fund
				02114)		02459)	02469)	09006)
Nonresident Big Game Combo	11,842	\$6,039	\$201,314	\$64,420	\$114,749	\$0	\$8,053	\$8,053
NRROR	854	\$24,219(\$19,642)	\$4,646	\$4,133	\$0	\$581	\$581
Youth	406	\$11,514	(\$9,338)	\$2,209	\$1,965	\$0	\$276	\$276
College	71	\$2,014	(\$1,633)	\$386	\$344	\$0	\$48	\$48
Come Home to Hunt	302	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,134	\$0	\$0
-	Total	\$43,787	\$170,701	\$71,661	\$121,191	\$5,134	\$8,958	\$8,958

5. HB 372 as amended changes the price of a Class B-10 Nonresident Elk Combination license from \$1,078—as currently adjusted by the consumer price index (CPI) allowed by statute—to \$1,112 beginning in LY 2026. HB 372 also changes the earmarked amount that is distributed to the upland game bird fund from \$23.00 to \$40.00, and exempts half-priced B-10 licenses—for youth, college students, and applicants who qualify for the NRROR and Come Home to Hunt half-priced licenses—from the earmarked distribution. Based on LY 2023 sales, this would create an increase in revenue of \$179,605/year. The following table shows the change in revenue by fund:

Class B-10 Licenses					Rev			
				I	ncr/(Decr)		
License Description	LY	General	UGB	Habitat	Hunting	Come	Habitat	Habitat
	2023	License	Habitat	MT	Access	Home	MT	MT
	Quantity	(Fund	(Fund A	cquisitio	n (Fund	to Hunt()&N	I Trust
1	Sold	02409)	02113)	(Fund	02334)	(Fund	(Fund	(Fund
				02114)	2	02459)	02469)	09006)
Nonresident Elk Combo	5,155	\$2,629	\$87,635	\$28,043	\$49,952	\$0	\$3,505	\$3,505
NRROR	127	\$3,602	(\$2,921)	\$691	\$615	\$0	\$86	\$86
Youth	53	\$1,503	(\$1,219)	\$288	\$257	\$0	\$36	\$36
College	12	\$340	(\$276)	\$65	\$58	\$0	\$8	\$8
Come Home to Hunt	63	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,071	\$0	\$0
· ·	Total	\$8,074	\$83,219	\$29,088	\$50,881	\$1,071	\$3,636	\$3,636

6. HB 372 as amended increases the price of a Class B-11 Nonresident Deer Combination licenses from \$744—as currently adjusted by the consumer price index (CPI) allowed by statute—to \$760 beginning in LY 2026. Based on LY 2023 sales, this would create an increase in revenue of \$209,472/year. The following table shows the change in revenue by fund:

Class B-11 Licenses					Rev			
100				I	ncr/(Decr)		
License Description	LY	General	UGB	Habitat	Hunting	Come	Habitat	Habitat
	2023	License	Habitat	MT	Access	Home	MT	MT
	Quantity	(Fund	(Fund A	Acquisition	ı (Fund	to Hunt (D& M	I Trust
	Sold	02409)	02113)	(Fund	02334)	(Fund	(Fund	(Fund
				02114)		02459)	02469)	09006)
Nonresident Deer Combo	12,263	\$101,047	\$0	\$31,393	\$55,919	\$0	\$3,924	\$3,924
NRROR	371	\$935	\$0	\$950	\$846	\$0	\$119	\$119
Youth	1,076	\$2,712	\$0	\$2,755	\$2,453	\$0	\$344	\$344
College	69	\$174	\$0	\$177	\$157	\$0	\$22	\$22
Come Home to Hunt	142	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,136	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$104,867	\$0	\$35,274	\$59,376	\$1,136	\$4,409	\$4,409

7. HB 372 as amended changes the price of a Class AAA Combination Sports without a bear license from \$62 to a \$62.50, beginning in LY 2026, and a Class AAA Combination Sports with a bear license from \$77.00 to a \$77.50. HB 372 also changes the earmarked amount that is distributed to the upland game bird fund from \$2.00 to \$2.50, and exempts half-priced AAA licenses—for youth, and senior residents—from the earmarked distribution. Based on LY 2023 sales, this would create an increase in revenue of \$34,663.75/year. The following table shows the change in revenue by fund:

Class AAA Licenses	Rev
,	Incr/(Decr)

License Description	LY	General		Habitat	River	Habitat	Habitat
	2023	License	Habitat	MT F	Restoratio	n MT	MT
	Quantity	(Fund	(Fund A	Acquisition	n (Fund (D&M	Trust
	Sold	02409)	02113)	(Fund	02149)	(Fund	(Fund
				02114)		02469)	09006)
Resident Sportsman Combo	29,054	\$0	\$14,527	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Resident Senior Sportsman Combo	16,169	\$36,380	(\$32,338)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(w/o bear)			200				
Resident Youth Combo (w/o bear)	5,140	\$11,565	(\$10,280)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Resident Sportsman Combo (w/o	29,307	\$0	\$14,654	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
bear)							
Resident Military Combo	312	\$0	\$156	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Total	\$47,945	(\$13,282)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

8. HB 372 as amended creates a total increase in revenue of \$1,039,662.25. The following table shows the total revenue increase by fund:

			Rev				
V2			Incr/(Decr)				
General	UGB	Habitat	River	Hunting	Come	Habitat	Habitat
License	Habitat	MT	Restoration	Access	Home to	MT	MT Trust
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02409)	02113)	(Fund	02149)	02334)	(Fund	(Fund	09006)
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\$231,975	\$398,753	\$136,023	\$0	\$231,564	\$7,341	\$17,003	\$17,003

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Fish, Wildlife, a	nd Parks			
	FY 2026 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2027 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 <u>Difference</u>
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662
TOTAL Expenditures	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662
Funding of Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
09006 Habitat MT Trust	\$17,003	\$17,003	\$17,003	\$17,003
TOTAL Funding of	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662
Expenditures				
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659	\$1,022,659
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
09006 Habitat MT Trust	\$17,003	\$17,003	\$17,003	\$17,003
TOTAL Revenues	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662	\$1,039,662
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Re	evenue minus Funding	of Expenditures)		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
09006 Habitat MT Trust	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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