



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0907.01: Generally revise fish and game laws

Primary Sponsor: Ed Byrne Status: As Introduced

☐ Included in the Executive Budget ☒ Needs to be included in HB 2 ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts ☒ Technical Concerns ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 907 raises the nonresident bonus point application fee from \$20 to \$25; allows a nonresident landowner, who meets specific criteria, to purchase an additional bonus point for an elk or deer license; and repeals 87-2-714, MCA.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

1. HB 907 will increase the nonresident bonus point application fee from \$20 to \$25 for each species.
2. Based on a three-year average, the department receives 40,323 nonresident bonus point applications each year. Assuming the same number of applications, the department will receive \$1,008,067 annually, which is an increase of \$201,615 in revenue.
3. HB 907 allows a nonresident landowner who owns 640 or more contiguous acres, enrolled in the Block Management Program in the previous license year, and who has purchased a B-10 license in the current license year, to purchase an additional Deer Permit, Deer B, Elk Permit, or Elk B bonus point for a fee of \$25.
4. Currently, there are 26 nonresident landowners enrolled in Block Management who own 640 or more acres. Assuming all 26 landowners meet the above criteria and will purchase an additional bonus point for \$25, the department will receive additional revenue of \$650.
5. HB 907 repeals 87-2-714, MCA, which is landowner preference for a B-10 license. This will not have any impact on license revenue as it doesn't change the number of licenses issued, only the way they are distributed in the drawing.
6. The department estimates a cost of \$33,000 to update and test the online license sales, point of sales

systems, and drawing system. This includes an estimated 180 of development time and 45 hours of testing time.

Fiscal Analysis Table

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<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
System updates	\$33,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenses	\$169,265	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265
TOTAL Expenditures	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265
<u>Revenues</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265
TOTAL Revenues	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265	\$202,265
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Concerns

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

- Currently, a nonresident landowner who has enrolled in Block Management is entitled to a free B-10 license under 87-1-266 and thus will not have "purchased" that license, as required under Section 1(C).

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Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

4/1/2025

Date