



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0519.01: Repeal nonresident landowner preference for big game combo licenses**

Primary Sponsor: Jedediah Hinkle

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 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$600)	(\$600)	(\$600)	(\$600)
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 519 repeals 87-2-714, MCA, Landowner Preference For Class B-10 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. There will be a minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

1. HB 519 repeals 87-2-714, MCA, which establishes a 15% preference pool of 2,550 licenses for qualifying nonresident landowners and their designees in the B-10 drawing. Repealing the 15% preference pool will not change the number of licenses issued, it will only change the way licenses are distributed in the drawing.
2. Current law also allows a landowner enrolled in a private land hunting access program in the previous license year to purchase an additional bonus point, at a cost of \$20, for deer and elk licenses or permits.
3. In 2024, there were 131 qualified landowner nonresident applicants, of which 30 purchased an additional bonus point. Assuming the same number of landowner nonresident applicants will no longer be able to purchase an additional bonus point will be a reduction in revenue of \$600 annually.
4. FWP estimates a cost of \$24,000 to update and test the online license sales and point of sales systems. This includes an estimated 160 hours of development time and an estimated 40 hours of testing time.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

	<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>
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$24,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$600)	(\$600)	(\$600)	(\$600)
TOTAL Revenues	(\$600)	(\$600)	(\$600)	(\$600)
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$24,600)	(\$600)	(\$600)	(\$600)

NOT SIGNED BY SPONSOR

Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

2/24/2025

Date