

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	HB0356.01: All	low livestock loss rei	mbursement for	black bear predati	ion
Primary Sponsor: Eric Tilleman		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 SU	UMMARY		
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures General Fund (01))	\$0	\$0		\$0
Revenues General Fund (01)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact General Fund Ba	lance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact

HB 356 adds black bears to the list of predators the Livestock Loss Board administers loss claims for. Claims are confirmed or probable kills as determined by USDA Wildlife Services investigation reports. The bill has no fiscal impact because expected claims can be covered within annual appropriations.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Livestock

- 1. The department estimates the past five-year average of covered livestock black bear investigations in the state would be less than 20 claims amounting to \$18,488 in additional annual loss claims.
- Since 2019 the program has paid out an average of \$251,194 annually on an average of 292 total loss claims per year.
- 3. The Livestock Loss Board program is appropriated \$450,000 annually to payout loss claims and has an additional \$300,000 in reserve for unusually large yearly claim totals.
- 4. In the event more black bear losses are reported, funding reserves should be sufficient to compensate claims.
- Any claims received and deemed eligible would be paid from existing appropriations. Therefore, no fiscal impact is projected.

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Sponsor's Initials

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Budget Director's Initials

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