



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **SB0270.03: Revise laws related to antlerless elk licenses**

Primary Sponsor: **Denley Loge** Status: **As Amended in Senate Committee**

☐ 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)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$193,270)	(\$193,270)	(\$193,270)	(\$193,270)
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

SB 270 limits the number of Elk B licenses a nonresident may purchase and removes the limit for the number of Elk B licenses a resident may purchase. SB 270 would also establish that "the department may develop a rule that describes variable license structures for antlerless elk based on management goals" regarding resident elk license.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

- Currently both residents and nonresidents are eligible to purchase a maximum of three elk licenses per year (Either on general elk and two elk B tags or three elk B tags).
- SB 270 allows the department to create variable license structures regarding nonresident elk licenses of Big Game Combination or Elk Combination Licenses.
- The number of elk B Licenses sold in License Year (LY) 2024 as of 2/14/2025 is 3,937.
- Of the nonresidents who did not have a B 10 combination license, there were 563 elk B license sold that were a second or third Elk B license purchase.
- Nonresidents with a B 10 combination license, there were 6 elk B licenses sold that were a 3rd elk B license purchase.
- The department does not know how many of these would qualify for discounted license price such as college, youth, or nonresident relative of a resident.
- The FWP assumes, at the most, these would all be sold at full price, or \$270.
- This would result in a reduction of revenue of \$153,630.00 (or 569 Elk B Licenses X \$270).
- SB 270, as amended, changes the limit of the number of elk B licenses a resident may purchase from 3 to 2. Based on LY 2024 sales, this would result in a reduction of 1,982 elk B licenses sold, and a total revenue reduction of \$39,640/year.

10. The total reduction in revenue from both resident and nonresident Elk B licenses would be \$193,270 per year.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	<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>				
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
<u>Revenues</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>
TOTAL Revenues	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>	<u>(\$193,270)</u>

Sponsor's Initials

Date



Budget Director's Initials

2/21/2025

Date