



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0564.01: Require mandatory reporting of deer and elk hunting activity

Primary Sponsor: Marilyn Marler 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)	\$288,040	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 564 requires hunters to report hunting activity for deer and elk to the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, provides incentives for reporting and penalties for nonreporting, and requires the department to develop a system to collect reporting information. The department will incur one-time costs for development of the reporting system and a public outreach campaign.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

1. HB 564 requires a person purchasing a hunting license for deer and elk, to mandatorily report to FWP, all hunting activity for each animal during the license year.
2. FWP would need to create a new system that allows for self-reporting of hunting activities including harvest success, district locations, dates, and effort information. This system will be built by an outside vendor.
3. FWP estimates the build for self-reporting will take approximately 1,737 hours and will cost approximately \$208,440. The noncompliance fee and bonus point build will take approximately 330 hours and will cost approximately \$39,600. Current contract rates are \$120 per hour. The estimated total for creating this new system will be \$248,040 in FY 2026.
4. This new system would interface with the licensing system to prevent customers that are not compliant in their reporting with a one-time administrative fee (\$5 to \$50 determined by the department). The fee must be paid prior to the purchasing a license/permit the following year.
5. FWP estimates an increase in revenue from noncompliance hunters. There were 168,825 resident deer/elk hunters and 40,911 nonresident deer/elk hunters in 2024. With a minimum noncompliance fee of \$5 and estimated 40% noncompliance rate, it would affect 83,894 hunters. These noncompliance hunters' fees will increase revenue by approximately \$419,470.

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6. HB 564 allows hunters to choose a bonus point for a deer or elk when reported by February 15. FWP assumes in addition to the one available for purchase, so no fiscal impact.
7. FWP would spend \$40,000 in FY 2026 to run a four-month target campaign educating hunters on the new reporting requirement. The following digital outreach will include: \$25,000 for targeted display banner ads, \$5,000 for targeted email to previous hunting license holders, \$5,000 for radio ads, and \$5,000 for social media ads. This marketing campaign estimate to reach over 1,250,000 resident and nonresident hunters.
8. HB 564 gives FWP the rulemaking authority to implement the law.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<u>Fiscal Impact</u>				
<u>Expenditures</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470
TOTAL Expenditures	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470
<u>Funding of Expenditures</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$288,040	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$288,040	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Revenues</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470
TOTAL Revenues	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</u>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$131,430	\$419,470	\$419,470	\$419,470

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

2/22/2025

Date