



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0897.01: Generally revise laws related to shed hunting on wildlife management areas**

Primary Sponsor: Jill Cohenour 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>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### **Description of fiscal impact**

HB 897 establishing a nonresident wildlife management area shed hunting license. A Class F nonresident license would cost \$50. The increase in license revenue is estimated at \$14,800 each fiscal year.

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Assumptions**

#### **Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks**

1. HB 897 creates a Class F, nonresident wildlife management area, shed hunting license that costs \$50.
2. HB 897, section 2, requires the Commission; to allow resident access to the wildlife management area, 7 days prior to nonresident access for shed hunting.
3. Based on prior year data, the average number of nonresident shed collectors is estimated at 5,920.
4. FWP assumes that roughly 5% of nonresidents will continue to shed hunt in Montana. (296 nonresident collectors with a \$50 license fee, FWP would estimate \$14,800 in revenue).

#### **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>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800

TOTAL Expenditures	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
Funding of Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
TOTAL Revenues	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Concerns

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

1. Not all FWP wildlife management areas have winter closures, so HB 897 will not affect all wildlife mnagement areas.

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Sponsor's Initials

Date

3/31/25

Budget Director's Initials

3/31/2025

Date