



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0330: Create auction or lottery licenses for antelope and swans

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</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)	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 330 allows the commission to issue one either sex antelope license and one swan license each year through a competitive auction or lottery.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

1. HB 330 allows the commission to issue one either sex antelope license each year through a competitive auction or lottery.
2. FWP currently provides the opportunity for an auction or lottery on mule deer, elk, moose, sheep, and goat.
3. FWP assumes the revenue from the auction or lottery would be similar to that of mule deer based on the revenue received from each species for the SuperTag lottery in current statute.
4. Based on the five year average mule deer auction/lottery revenue, FWP estimates the revenue received from an antelope auction or lottery will be \$37,724.
5. HB 330 also states that a wildlife conservation organization that focuses on the conservation of antelope may be authorized to conduct the license auction or lottery and may retain up to 10% of the proceeds of the sale. The remaining proceeds must be used by the department for the substantial benefit of antelope.
6. HB 330 will also allow the commission to issue one swan license each year through a competitive auction or lottery.
7. Currently there is no fee for a swan license; however, there is a nonrefundable \$5 application fee. Licenses are issued by means of drawing and in recent years all swan licenses have been sold, either during the drawing or through surplus sales.

Swan License					
License Type	Average Applications	Average License Sales	License Fee	Application Fee	Average Revenue
Resident	1,184	846	\$ -	\$5.00	\$ 5,920
Nonresident	173	154	\$ -	\$5.00	\$ 865
Total	1,357	1,000			\$ 6,785

8. Given the low cost and high draw odds for a swan license, FWP does not anticipate it would receive a significant increase in revenue via lottery or auction of swan licenses.
9. HB 330 also states that a wildlife conservation organization that focuses on the conservation of migratory game birds may be authorized to conduct the license auction or lottery and may retain up to 10% of the proceeds of the sale. The remaining proceeds must be used by the department for the substantial benefit of migratory game birds.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks				
	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724
TOTAL Expenditures	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724
Funding of Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724
TOTAL Revenues	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724	\$37,724
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0


Sponsor's Initials

Date


Budget Director's Initials

2/3/2025

Date



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Dedication of Revenue 2027 Biennium

17-1-507, MCA.

1. Are there persons or entities that benefit from this dedicated revenue that do not pay?

No

HB 330 requires two state special revenue funds, in which a portion of the proceeds from antelope and swan license auction or lottery would be deposited. The revenue in these funds must be used for the management of antelope or migratory game birds. Antelope and migratory bird hunters that did not participate in the lottery or auction will benefit from the use of those funds.

2. What special information or other advantages exist as a result of using a state special revenue fund that could not be obtained if the revenue were allocated to the general fund?

No

3. Is the source of revenue relevant to current use of the funds and adequate to fund the program activity that is intended?

No

4. Does the need for this state special revenue provision still exist?

No

5. Does the dedicated revenue affect the legislature's ability to scrutinize budgets, control expenditures, or establish priorities for state spending?

No

6. Does the dedicated revenue fulfill a continuing, legislatively recognized need?

No

7. How does the dedicated revenue provision result in accounting/auditing efficiencies or inefficiencies in your agency? Also, if the program/activity were general funded, could you adequately account for the program/activity?

No