



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: **HB0074.02 R (001): Revising private fish pond and commercial take laws**

Primary Sponsor: **Ken Walsh**

Status: **As Amended in House Committee - Revised**

☐ 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

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 74, as amended, increases the fee for private fish pond permits and implements an application fee to transfer a fish pond license to a new landowner. Increased revenue will be deposited in the general license account and the hunting access account.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

- HB 74, as amended, increases the fee for a new private fish pond license from \$10 to \$600.
- HB 74, as amended, increases the fee for a private fish pond license renewal from \$10 to \$250, and maintains the ten year renewal period.
- Currently the department receives an average of 152 private fish pond applications and renewals per year. The estimated increase in revenue is shown in the table below.

		Current Fee	Estimated Revenue
Average New	84	\$10	\$ 840
Average Renewal	68	\$10	\$ 680
Total	152		\$ 1,520
		Proposed Fee	Estimated Revenue
Average New	84	\$600	\$ 50,400
Average Renewal	68	\$250	\$ 17,000
Total	152		\$ 67,400

Additional Revenue		\$	65,880
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4. HB 74 as amended implements a \$250 fee for a private fish pond transfer. The Fisheries Division estimates there are 25 transfers per year. This will generate \$6,250 in revenue.
5. Additional revenues will be used to cover the travel and operations costs associated with permitting the private fish ponds.
6. The bill repeals the paddlefish roe program 87-4-601, MCA. This program has not been utilized in the previous five years and will have no fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Operating Expenses	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
TOTAL Expenditures	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
State Special Revenue (02)	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
State Special Revenue (02)	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
TOTAL Revenues	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Kenn M. Walsh 2/17/25
 Sponsor's Initials Date

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 Budget Director's Initials Date