

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2018-19</b>		<b>FY 2019-20</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		130,000 See below		130,000 See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS		130,000 See below		130,000 See below

**Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.**

LB 1008 increases the liquidated damage amounts for wildlife taken contrary to the Game Law. Liquidated damages collected under this section of statute are deposited into the State Game Fund.

The damage amount is increased 100% for elk, white tail deer, and certain mule deer; 400% for wild turkey; 67% for mountain sheep; and 900% for mountain lion, lynx, bobcat and river otter.

The Game and Parks Commission has indicated that over the last 10 years assessed liquidated damages have averaged \$130,127 per year, and since in most cases the damage amount doubles under LB 1008, it is possible that liquidated damages will also double. Based on this assumption, liquidated damage revenue deposited into the Game Cash Fund could increase by \$130,000 per year.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 1008	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby	DATE: 2/02/18	PHONE: (402) 471-4174	
COMMENTS: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission's statement appears reasonable based on the assumptions provided.			

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LB<sup>(1)</sup> 1008 Liquidated Damages under the Game Law

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2018-19		FY 2019-20	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	See below	_____	See below
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation would increase the liquidated damages that could be assessed for the illegal take of some wildlife species. The following chart summarizes the proposed changes.

Species	Current	Proposed	\$ increase	% increase
Mountain Sheep	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	67%
>/=12pt ELK	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	100%
Other ELK	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	100%
>/= 8pt WT Deer	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	100%
Other WT Deer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100%
Antlerless WT Deer	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00	100%
>/= 8pt Mule Deer	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0%
Other Mule Deer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	100%
Mountain Lion, Lynx, bobcat, river otter	\$ 500.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	900%
Wild Turkey	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	400%

The actual fiscal impact of the proposed changes will be dependent on the number of violations, convictions and assessed damages in any given year. Based on records of assessed liquidated damages over the past 10 years, an average year could see \$130,127 in assessed damages. Not all monies assessed are necessarily collected in the same year assessed. Assuming this average figure were attributable to species subject to the increase and most increases doubling the current rates, it could be possible to increase revenues by \$130,127 each year.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2018-19 EXPENDITURES	2019-20 EXPENDITURES
	18-19	19-20		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____