

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2016-17		FY 2017-18	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		See below		See below
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

Currently, you must be at least 12 years of age in order to hunt mountain lions, and any person who is 12 through 15 years of age must be supervised by a person 19 years of age or older. It would appear that LB 961 would reduce the minimum age from 12 to 10 years of age. This is based on language in 37-473 that gives the Game and Parks Commission the authority to adopt the same rules and regulations for hunting mountain lions as those prescribed for hunting deer as provided for in 37-452 (the same section LB 961 amends). Section 37-452 sets the minimum age for hunting deer at 10 years of age. Any increase in application fee revenue from allowing persons younger than 12 to hunt mountain lions is expected to be minimal and would only occur in those years that there is in fact a mountain lion hunting season. Up to this point in time the only hunting season was in 2014.

The Game and Parks Commission has taken a different interpretation of what the change proposed by LB 961 would do. In their opinion the bill would eliminate those youth ages 12-15 from being able to hunt mountain lions. In which case there would be a minimal application fee revenue loss (estimated at \$615) during those years that a mountain lion season is in effect.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 961	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
REVIEWED BY: Claire Oglesby	DATE: 1/25/16	PHONE: (402) 471-4174
COMMENTS: I concur with the Nebraska Game & Parks' statement of fiscal impact for LB 961.		

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2016

LB⁽¹⁾ 961 eliminate youth mountain lion hunting

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2016-17</u>		<u>FY 2017-18</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

Currently youth (ages 12-15) may hunt antelope, elk, mountain sheep or mountain lions provided they are supervised by a person 19 years or older who has a valid hunting permit. The proposed legislation would eliminate those youth (ages 12-15) from hunting mountain lions. They would still be able to hunt antelope, elk and mountain sheep under the existing supervision requirements.

Any fiscal impact would be contingent on a mountain lion season. Currently none is planned for the 2016/17 season. The first and only season held to date was in 2014 in which 41 individuals under the age of 16 applied to hunt mountain lions. Assuming future hunting seasons would have a similar level of interest, at \$15 each for a nonrefundable application fee (and no additional permit fee), the proposed legislation could result in a loss of \$615 per season.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2016-17 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2017-18 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____