

Revised to reflect amendments adopted through 3/11/10.

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	7,500-11,250		7,500-11,250	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	7,500-11,250		7,500-11,250	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 836, as amended, would do the following:

- Gives the Game and Parks Commission the authority to extend existing deer hunting seasons and makes changes to the current authority regarding depredation seasons.
- Eliminates the requirement that 50% of the depredation permit fee be paid to a landowner upon proof that a deer was killed on his or her land during a depredation season. No fees have ever been paid under this provision since according to the Commission no depredation seasons have ever been authorized. Elimination of this requirement could increase revenue retained by the Commission if and when a depredation season is implemented.
- The Commission is required to use the income from the sale of depredation permits for abatement of damage caused by deer. This earmarking provision should not have a fiscal impact since it will not change the amount of revenue raised from the depredation permit. Any additional duties related to working with landowners on abatement projects will be absorbed by the Commission.
- Provides for an unlimited number of free permits for landowners and immediate family to take antlerless deer during a depredation season if they own at least 20 acres. The free permit is only valid within a designated area and only during a depredation season. Due to its limited scope this provision is not expected to have a significant negative effect on the number of regular landowner permits issued. Any potential revenue loss will be minimal.
- Establishes a permit, issued by the Game and Parks Commission, for farmers and ranchers to kill a mountain lion(s) that has been preying on livestock or poultry. The Commission is required to confirm that the damage was caused by a mountain lion before issuing a permit. The permit would be issued free of charge.

The provisions related to the deer depredation season should have minimal to no fiscal impact.

In regards to the mountain lion permit, the Commission has estimated a cash fund cost of \$7,500 to \$11,250 annually to have DNA or other analysis performed to confirm that a mountain lion has caused the damage. This is based on an estimated 10-15 requests for a mountain lion permit per year. This cost does not include the time spent by Commission employees to perform the investigations. At this level of cost the Commission has indicated that they can absorb the testing fees and workload without an increase in funding. Should the demand exceed this level they have indicated that additional staff and funding would be needed.