

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4048-03
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1441
Subject: Agriculture and Animals; Liability
Type: Original
Date: March 29, 2006

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials with the **Department of Public Safety - Water Patrol, Capitol Police and Highway Patrol, Department of Conservation, Office of Prosecution Services, Department of Natural Resources, and Office of State Courts Administrator** assume no fiscal impact to their agencies.

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture (AGR)** assume to implement the provisions of the proposal, the Division of Animal Health assumes that 3 FTE's would be required to carry out the provisions as outlined.

An Animal Health Program Coordinator would be required to coordinate, develop and implement program guidelines and operating procedures, reviewing applications and determining eligibility for permitting, interpreting and explaining state and federal statutes and regulations and responding to inquiries from program participants and the general public. The State Veterinarian would provide technical assistance and general supervision. This position would be required to travel through-out the state to meet with local and county authorities concerning provisions of this proposal.

An Office Support Assistant would serve as support to the Animal Health Program Coordinator.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

This position would provide general information and assistant in preparation of forms, database for permits, direct individuals to proper destinations; receive and distribute program information; schedule and/or arrange appointments, travel reservations, etc.

An Animal Health Officer would be required to monitor the regulations fo this program, follow up on public inquiries and work with local law enforcement to manage illegal activity.

Oversight assume this would be accomplished during the normal budgetary process. Therefore, Oversight assumes the initial administrative impact of this proposal is \$0.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2007 (10 Mo.)	FY 2008	FY 2009
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the Large Carnivore Act which prohibits the breeding of "large carnivores," defined as certain cats of the Felidae family or any species of bear. Except as provided in the bill, the possession, ownership, or transfer of ownership of a large carnivore is also prohibited.

Requirements for the permitting, confinement, sanitation, feeding, transporting, identification, veterinary care, seizure, and euthanasia of large carnivores are specified. The requirements are in addition to any applicable state or federal law and do not preclude any local political subdivision from adopting more restrictive laws. Certain entities, law enforcement officials, animal control officers, and veterinarians are exempt from the bill.

DESCRIPTION (continued)

The penalty for violations varies according to the severity of the offense.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety -

Water Patrol

Capitol Police

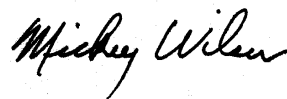
Highway Patrol

Department of Conservation

Department of Natural Resources

Office of State Courts Administrator

Office of Prosecution Services



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