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Title: SPORT FISHING SERVICES
Sponsor: TILTON, MUNOZ
Requester: House Special Committee on Fisheries

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Sport Fisheries
Allocation: Sport Fisheries
OMB Component Number: 464

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2016 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2016 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2016	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Personal Services		312.8	312.8	312.8	312.8	312.8	312.8
Travel		5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Services		58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4	58.4
Commodities		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1024 Fish/Game		382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7
Total	0.0	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7	382.7

Positions

Full-time		6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2015) cost: 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2016) cost: 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 03/31/16

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Initial fiscal note.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

House Bill 41 reinstates the licensing and logbook program, as well as reestablishes some minimum standards for sport fishing guides and sport fishing operators that was in place until December 31, 2014. Under this program the Division of Sport Fish will license all sport fishing business owners and sport fishing guides, register all vessels used in guided sport fishing trips, issue identifying decals, issue logbooks to all sport fishing businesses for the recording of specific harvest and effort data for each guided fishing trip, and record all of this information into appropriate databases. It is estimated that there will be 1,742 guides and 1,185 guide businesses that will fall under the purview of this program.

The total cost of running the sport fishing services program is \$382.7

Total Cost Breakdown

Personal Services	\$312.8
Travel	\$ 5.5
Services	\$ 58.4
Commodities	\$ 6.0

Total **\$382.7**

Personal services includes one full-time Office Assistant I for 11 months (\$53.9), one full-time Fish and Game Program Technician for 12 months (\$69.8), one full-time Office Assistant II for 6 months (\$33.7), two full-time Office Assistants for 7 months (\$79.4), and one full-time Program Coordinator for 6 months (\$76.0).

The licensing fee structure portion of HB 41 would retroactively require fees associated with this program and then raise the fees incrementally over the next two calendar years so that eventually the cost of running the program would be covered entirely by the fees collected. Expenditures are calculated on a fiscal year basis and fees are charged on a calendar year basis with expected revenues to be collected by June 30 of each year.

The 2015 calendar year fees would be retroactive to January 1, 2015 (\$50 for Guides only and \$100 for Sport Fish Business or Sport Fish Owner and Guide) and only support approximately 53% of the current program costs with the rest of the funding coming from fish and game funds. Based on the estimated number of guides and guide businesses this would generate approximately \$205.6 of annual revenue.

The calendar year 2016 fees (\$75 for Guides only and \$150 for Sport Fish Business or Sport Fish Owner and Guide) would generate approximately \$308.4 of annual revenue and only support approximately 80% of the current program costs.

The calendar year 2017 fees (\$100 for Guides only and \$200 for Sport Fish Business or Sport Fish Owner and Guide) would generate approximately \$411.2 of annual revenue and slightly exceed support for the current program costs.

This bill analysis shows the cost of the program under the current logbook program and does not reflect costs once the electronic logbook program is implemented. When the electronic logbook program is implemented we anticipate some level of savings, but at this time we are unable to quantify those savings.

It is anticipated that the regulations relating to the implementation of this program should be in effect by March 31, 2016.