

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2024 Legislative Session

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Title: COMPENSATION FOR WRONGFULLY SEIZED
GAME

Sponsor: BJORKMAN

Requester: (S) Resources

Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025						
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2024) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2025) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account? No

(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - 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? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? N/A

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not applicable, initial analysis.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

The bill adds a new section to Alaska Statute (AS) 16.05 to address wrongfully seized game meat when a court finds that the state or an agent of the state wrongfully seized game from an individual. The bill requires the Department of Fish and Game to provide monetary compensation to the individual in an amount approximately equal to the weight in pounds of the wrongfully seized game meat. The rate would be equal to the current prevailing per-pound retail price of beef sold in the area where the game was originally taken.

The Department of Public Safety Alaska Wildlife Troopers exercise probable cause to cite and seize illegally taken game per AS 16.05.190. Since seized meat usually exceeds hundreds of pounds, it is typically documented and given away to charitable organizations to ensure the meat does not go to waste as criminal cases can take well over a year to resolve. If a court finds a defendant not guilty or otherwise dismisses the case, the department works with the defendant to make them whole with a comparable quality animal through the roadkill process or the next seized animal.

Since the bill requires the Department of Fish and Game to provide the monetary compensation, the Department of Public Safety is submitting a zero fiscal note at this time.