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Title: DNR BIG GAME GUIDE PERMIT PROGRAM
Sponsor: RESOURCES
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Department: Department of Natural Resources
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
Allocation: Mining, Land & Water
OMB Component Number: 3002

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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4
Personal Services			273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4
Travel			10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Services			30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Commodities			10.0				
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	323.4	0.0	313.4	313.4	313.4	313.4	313.4

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	323.4		313.4	313.4	313.4	313.4	313.4
Total	323.4	0.0	313.4	313.4	313.4	313.4	313.4

Positions

Full-time	2.0		2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None	***		***	***	***	***	***
Total	***	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? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/26

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Not Applicable, initial version

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would establish a big game guide concession permit program administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in consultation with the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB), the Board of Game (BOG), and the Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), to limit the number of individuals authorized to provide big game commercial guiding services on state land. DNR would work in consultation with the BGCSB, BOG and ADF&G to adopt regulations directing the issuance, transfer, suspension, and revocation of concession permits. DNR would create application forms and scoring criteria. DNR would be responsible for enforcing the land use authorization portion of the program, and may issue citations for violation of the program statutes and regulations.

A single initial concession area will be established by the BOG in consultation with the BGCSB, ADF&G, and DNR. After three years of DNR implementing and administering the initial concession area, the BOG may accept and consider additional proposals to establish concession areas in other parts of the state.

This is an entirely new program that is separate from DNR's current land use authorization programs for guides, and the Division of Mining, Land and Water anticipates a significant effort will be required for the development and adoption of regulations, creation of forms and a bail schedule for enforcement, and coordination and implementation of a hunting guide concession program with BOG, BGCSB, and ADF&G. This effort will require new staff in the Division as the program is developed and fully implemented.

DMLW FY2025 Costs: \$323.4

Personal Services \$273.4

One permanent Full-Time Natural Resource Manager 2, range 20, Fairbanks - \$146.7

One permanent Full-Time Natural Resource Specialist 2/3 Flex, range 16/18, Fairbanks - \$126.7

Travel \$10.0

Services \$30.0

Core Costs by PCN (\$15.0 each annually)

Commodities \$10.0

Initial position setup (\$5.0 each one-time costs)

DNR must adopt regulations prior to the implementation of a hunting guide concession program addressed in this legislation.

Changes in Revenue

The Department is authorized to charge an annual fee for a concession permit. The fee would be determined by regulation. If the program was to be established statewide and numerous guides held a concession the administrative cost of the program could be covered by those that are awarded concession permits.