

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2020 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 137  
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Identifier: HB137-DFG-DWC-2-14-20  
Title: LIMIT NONRESIDENT TAKING OF BIG GAME  
Sponsor: TUCK  
Requester: (H)RESOURCES

Department: Department of Fish and Game  
Appropriation: Wildlife Conservation  
Allocation: Wildlife Conservation  
OMB Component Number: 473

## Expenditures/Revenues

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

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2021 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2021 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2021	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

## Change in Revenues

None	***		***	***	***	***	***
<b>Total</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>	<b>***</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2020) cost:** 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2021) 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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

## 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 legislation is intended to limit nonresident taking of big game. The Board of Game (board) will retain their authority to make allocative decisions, but this bill requires the board to limit the harvest of big game by nonresidents and nonresident aliens through a permit system. Since this legislation does not entirely eliminate the board's authority to allocate game harvests among users, it is difficult to precisely predict where, when and for which species the mandated limitation on nonresidents would occur. For this reason, the department is submitting an indeterminate fiscal note. In any scenario, the decrease in revenue to the fish & game fund would be significant, ranging from \$2.2M to \$6.6M.

Currently, nonresidents and nonresident aliens must purchase a tag to harvest big game; prices range from \$3,000 for a nonresident alien muskox bull tag to \$300 for a nonresident deer tag. Nonresident license and tag fees account for approximately 73% of the revenue generated by license and tag sales.

**Resident licenses and tag sales in FY2019: \$3.2M**

**Nonresident licenses and tag sales in FY2019: \$8.8M**

In addition, license and tag revenues deposited into the fish & game (F&G) fund are the principal match for federal Pittman-Robertson (P-R) dollars. This reduction in match dollars would result in an overall revenue decrease to the department ranging from \$8.8M to \$26.4M.

**25% reduction in nonresident license and tag sales deposited into the F&G-Fund: \$2.2M**

**Combined P-R/F&G Fund reduction: \$8.8M**

**75% reduction in nonresident license and tag sales: \$6.6M**

**Combined P-R/F&G Fund reduction: \$26.4M**