

Fiscal Note

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 Title: HUNT/FISH LICENSE FOR NONRESIDENT
 STUDENT
 Sponsor: TOMASZEWSKI
 Requester: (S)Finance

Department: Department of Fish and Game
 Appropriation: Statewide Support Services
 Allocation: Administrative Services
 OMB Component Number: 479

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	FY 2029
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	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	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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:

Updated from SLA2023 to SLA2024 fiscal note template.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This legislation creates a new special nonresident postsecondary student sport fishing, hunting, hunting and trapping, trapping, or hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license for qualifying half-time and full-time students enrolled in an Alaskan postsecondary institution under AS 14.43.830(a). The fees for these new special nonresident postsecondary licenses are tied to the same fees for resident licenses under AS 16.05.340(a)(1) – (6). Under this bill, the department would be limited to offering these special nonresident licenses as annual licenses, because there is no short-term resident license offered under AS 16.05.340(a)(1) – (6).

The department can administratively create the new license without the need to adopt regulations. Instead of creating regulations for proof of enrollment or other continuing eligibility requirements, applicants would certify they meet the legal requirements of being enrolled as a half-time or full-time student attending a qualifying postsecondary institution as defined in statute. Applicants would have to recertify annually. If a law enforcement officer questions the license, it would fall on the license holder to provide sufficient proof. With the certification, the license would require minimal staff time to process but may have an impact during certain times of the year; it is anticipated that most applications would occur the first half of summer.

Current license applications do not require an applicant to identify if they are enrolled as a half-time or full-time student. Without that information, it is difficult for the department to determine the actual fiscal impact. The department assumes there is a minimal number of nonresidents attending a qualifying institution in Alaska that would be eligible for this new license. The loss of license revenue for the Division of Wildlife Conservation and Division of Sport Fish, along with the additional workload for Division of Administrative Services to process the applications, would be de minimis. Therefore, the department expects minimal fiscal impact and submits a zero fiscal note.