

Fiscal Note

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Identifier: SB253-DFG-DWC-03-29-24
Title: DNR BIG GAME HUNTING PRGRM/PILOT PROJECT
Sponsor: KAUFMAN
Requester: (S)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)

	FY2025 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2025 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	112.3	0.0	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3
Personal Services	112.3		112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	112.3	0.0	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3

Fund Source (Operating Only)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	112.3		112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3
Total	112.3	0.0	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3

Positions

Full-time	1.0		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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:

Not applicable; initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would create a guide concession permit program managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on state lands. The bill would essentially limit the number of guides that could operate in a designated area.

The bill establishes the initial area for the new guide concession program to be within Game Management Unit (GMU) 19 and requires DNR to consult with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) to implement and maintain the pilot program, including adopting regulations; issuing, renewing, transferring, suspending, or revoking a concession permit; and evaluating the program after two years to determine if it has furthered land use and management objectives and if the program should be established statewide. The ADF&G Commissioner is specifically tasked with determining the number and type of concession permits that may be provided in each GMU with a minimum of two.

Additional Division of Wildlife Conservation (DWC) staff time would be required to prepare and provide wildlife information as well as resident, non-resident, guided, and unguided hunt information. The department anticipates personal services costs to DWC for an additional Wildlife Biologist III (permanent full-time) position at \$112.3 to assist with standing up and managing the program if it is established on a statewide basis.

If the guide concession program is not established statewide, the Wildlife Biologist III would be eliminated after termination of the pilot program.