

Fiscal Note

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Title: DNR BIG GAME HUNTING PRGRM/PILOT PROJECT
Sponsor: KAUFMAN
Requester: (S) RES

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 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Personal Services	273.4		273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4	273.4
Travel	10.0		10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Services	30.0		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If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/26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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Agency: <u>Natural Resources</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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Analysis

This bill would establish a big game guide commercial concession permit two-year pilot program administered by the Department of Natural Resources to limit the number of individuals authorized to provide big game commercial guiding services within the boundaries of Game Management Unit 19C. The Department of Natural Resources would work in consultation with the Big Game Commercial Services Board and the Department of Fish and Game to adopt regulations directing the issuing, renewal, transfer, suspension, and revocation of concession permits. The Department would be responsible for enforcing the program and may issue citations for violation of the program statutes and regulations. The pilot program would sunset on January 1, 2028, if the Commissioner of Natural Resources determines the program should not be established on a statewide basis.

After two years, the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Big Game Commercial Services Board and the Department of Fish and Game, may make a determination to implement the program on a statewide basis. If the program is implemented statewide and more units are competitive, additional staff may be necessary. If it is determined that the program will not continue the positions established for this program would be eliminated.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water anticipates a significant effort will be required for the completion of the development, regulation adoption and implementation of a hunting guide concession program. This effort will require new staff in the Division as the program is developed and fully implemented. The division anticipates an 18-month timeline to adopt new regulations.

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 pilot 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.