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

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	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2025 Request	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2025	FY 2025					
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

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	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

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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?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).

Additionally, eligible nonresident postsecondary students would not qualify for the \$5 resident license fee for applicants under the federal poverty guidelines. As stated in the bill, eligible nonresident postsecondary students would only qualify for resident license fees above the federal poverty guidelines.

Furthermore, applicants purchasing a special nonresident postsecondary student hunting license are still subject to the nonresident intensive management surcharge of \$30 under AS 16.08.340(k). Qualifying applicants would also still be subject to all other nonresident rules and regulations such as requirements for hunting tags, guide requirements, and limited harvest and hunting areas, minimizing any loss of revenue for the Division of Wildlife Conservation.

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.

Resident license fees are as follows:

- Resident sport fishing license: \$20
- Resident hunting license: \$35
- Resident hunting and trapping license: \$55
- Resident trapping license: \$25
- Resident hunting and sport fishing license: \$50
- Resident hunting, trapping, and sport fishing license: \$75

Comparable nonresident licenses are as follows:

- Nonresident annual sport fishing license: \$100
- Nonresident hunting license: \$130
- Nonresident hunting and trapping license: \$375

There are no combination sport fishing and hunting/trapping licenses for nonresidents.