

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2026 Legislative Session

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Identifier: LL0459-DFG-DWC-1-19-26
 Title: BIG GAME HUNTING PERMITS
 Sponsor: RLS BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR
 Requester: GOVERNOR

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)

	FY2027	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2027 Request	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	FY 2032
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2027	FY 2027						
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	***	***	***	***	***	***

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) 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 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **06/30/27**

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 allow the recipient of a drawing hunt permit to transfer the permit to another person, with or without monetary compensation. The permit holder must first notify the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) of the transfer before it occurs, including the name and hunting license number of the recipient and any other identifying information required by ADF&G. Upon receiving notification of a transfer, ADF&G staff would reassign the permit to the new recipient in the drawing hunt permit system.

The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Fish and Game to adopt regulations necessary to implement the new provisions, including establishing a fee for registering permit transfers or reissuances to mitigate administrative costs associated with staff time to process transfers. If a fee is established, the revenue would be deposited into the Fish and Game Fund. Since the fee amount, if any, is unknown, and the potential increase in drawing hunt permit applications it is difficult to estimate at this time, the change in revenue is indeterminate.

Depending on the volume of transfer requests, it is possible an additional position would be needed. However, this is also difficult to assess at this time. Assuming a fee is established, ADF&G could request a position funded through Fish and Game Fund revenue generated from the fees if determined necessary later. Accordingly, there are no costs to the department reflected in this fiscal note.