

## Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # HB0249		Revising private p	s laws related to presence or	of bison/buffalo on
Primary Sponsor: Doane, Alan		Status: As Intro	duced	
☐ Significant Local Gov Impact	✓ Needs to be include	ed in HB 2	Technical Concerns	
☐ Included in the Executive Budget	☐ Significant Long-Te	erm Impacts	Dedicated Revenue For	m Attached
	FISCAL S	UMMARY		
	FY 2014 Difference	FY 2015 Difference	FY 2016 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2017 <u>Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$206,183	\$126,811	\$128,368	\$129,450
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Description of fiscal impact:** If passed, this legislation will require additional FTE and funding to respond to wild bison present on private property.

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

## **Assumptions:**

- 1. The Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP) has a current agreement for bison management with the Department of Agriculture the Inter-Agency Bison Management Plan (IBMP). The IBMP requires FWP to assist with bison hunts, bison property damage, hazing and shooting of bison.
- 2. FWP assumes that the Dept. of Livestock will address any privately owned bison.
- 3. Bison typically migrate out of Yellowstone National Park between September and mid-June (1,670 hours) which equates to a 0.80 FTE.
- 4. To meet the requirement of "no tolerance" for bison, FWP would need wardens available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner to immediately assist with bison management.
  - a. Personal Services 1.6 FTE at a cost of \$79,411 in FY 2014
  - b. Operations \$22,400 in FY 2014.

- 5. In FY 2014, a one-time acquisition of supplies, materials, and equipment is required for the additional wardens to provide immediate action for bison management at a cost of \$30,970 for operating expenses and \$48,402 for equipment.
- 6. Contracted services costs of approximately \$250 each per occurrence for removal of bison carcasses from private property are estimated at 100 bison per year x \$250 = \$25,000

	FY 2014 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2015 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2016 <u>Difference</u>	FY 2017 <u>Difference</u>			
Fiscal Impact:							
FTE	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60			
Expenditures:							
Personal Services	\$79,411	\$79,411	\$80,632	\$81,373			
Operating Expenses	\$78,370	\$47,400	\$47,736	\$48,077			
Equipment	\$48,402	\$0	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL Expenditures	\$206,183	\$126,811	\$128,368	\$129,450			
<b>Funding of Expenditures:</b>							
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
State Special Revenue (02)	\$206,183	\$126,811	\$128,368	\$129,450			
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$206,183	\$126,811	\$128,368	\$129,450			
Revenues:							
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):							
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$206,183)	(\$126,811)	(\$128,368)	(\$129,450)			

Sponsor's Initials	Date	Budget Director's Initials	Date	