

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2019-20		FY 2020-21	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS		(see below)		(see below)
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 46 eliminates the statutory authority of the Game and Parks Commission to hold a mountain lion hunting season.

The Commission has held hunting seasons for mountain lions in 2014 and in the current year (2019). No season was held in 2015, 2016, 2017, or 2018. Under current law, the Commission may charge up to a \$25 dollar application fee, however the current charge is \$15, and may hold an auction for one (1) permit. Based on data provided by the Commission, the table below outlines the revenue received each year a season was held and the source:

Revenue		
	2014	2019
Application Fees	\$39,945	\$10,140
Auction	\$13,500	~
Total	\$53,445	\$10,140

In review of the revenue variance between the two (2) seasons that were held in conjunction with the fact that a season is not guaranteed to occur each year, the fiscal impact is uncertain. However, if the assumption is made that a season will occur each year, a fiscal impact in the form of a loss of revenue would be expected. The Commission believes that any future season would have revenue similar to the 2019 season.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE	
LB: 46	AM: AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
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COMMENTS: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's statement appears reasonable based on the assumptions provided.	

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2019

LB⁽¹⁾ 46 Eliminate Mountain Lion Hunting

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2019-20</u>		<u>FY 2020-21</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	_____	=====	_____

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation would eliminate provisions related to hunting mountain lions.

Regulated hunting seasons are among the tools the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission uses to manage game species in Nebraska. A mountain lion season was authorized in 2014 involving two different hunting units (Pine Ridge and Prairie). A total of \$53,445 in application/license fees and auction proceeds had been raised under the 2014 Mountain Lion hunting season. No season was held in 2015, 2016, 2017 or 2018. A season is being held in 2019 in a single unit (Pine Ridge) zoned into north and south subunits.

Future seasons, if established, will be based on year-specific management objectives and thus could vary from the 2014 and 2019 seasons. Passage of this legislation could result in a loss of between \$10,140 and \$54,000 (revenues from 2019 and 2014 respectively) annually in those years that might have a season, provided similar harvest quota's and units were established. For illustrative purposes the lesser amount will be used.

While the proposed legislation leaves intact the ability for the Commission to authorize kill permits for cases of depredation, an increase in costs would be anticipated related to an expected increase in response needs associated with mountain lion issues with the elimination of the management tools currently available (i.e. hunting regulations). Additionally, since the Commission's management responsibilities for mountain lions would remain, costs for monitoring population levels would continue, albeit at the expense of other game fund revenue sources. Costs are not readily determinable and would likely merely result in a reprioritization of other duties.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2019-20 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2020-21 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>19-20</u>	<u>20-21</u>		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____