

FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

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

LB395 would expand the ability of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC) Secretary (i.e. Director) to provide for a special deprecation season or season extensions for antelope and elk via an order of designation. Currently the Director has the authority to establish the deprecation season or season extensions for deer only. Fees for the special season deprecation permits would be modified by establishing a different price for residents (not more than \$25) and non-residents (not more than \$75).

Additionally, the NGPC would be required to establish a landowner special deprecation season permit for deer, antelope, and elk which would cost no more than \$10.

Revenue from the sale of the special deprecation season permits is to be used for abatement of damage caused by deer, antelope, and elk.

Lastly, a “free-earned” landowner elk permit would be established and made available to individuals who meet criteria outlined in section four (4) of the bill.

Because there is difficulty in predicting the overall impact for the reasons outlined in the agency provided fiscal note, estimates were provided that demonstrate a potential revenue increase. The potential revenue increase amounts to \$25,000 each fiscal year. The estimate is based on a projected 20 deprecation seasons for all species with 1,000 total permits being issued at a maximum resident rate of \$25 for each permit.

New expenditures for abatement of damage caused by deer, antelope, or elk are anticipated to mirror any increase in revenue.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB: 395	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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2021

LB⁽¹⁾ 395 special depreddations seasons

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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 2021-22</u>		<u>FY 2022-23</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	\$25,000	_____	\$25,000
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	\$25,000	=====	\$25,000

Explanation of Estimate: The proposed legislation allows the Commission's secretary to provide for antelope and elk special depreddation seasons or season extensions by way of order designation. The secretary currently has the ability for deer only. The fee for special depreddation permits is modified to limit resident fees to not more than \$25 and nonresident versions to not more than \$75. Current rates don't differentiate by residency and are not more than \$25.

Additionally a landowner special depreddation season permit is established for deer, antelope and elk at a fee of not more than \$10 with qualifying land ownership/operational acreage requirements. The income derived from the sale of the special depreddation season permits is to be used for abatement of damage caused by deer, antelope or elk.

In addition to increasing the possible percentage of landowner antelope and elk permits from 50 to 75% of the regular permits it also allows for the issuance of one free-earned landowner elk permit. This permit is good for the taking of an either sex antlerless elk once a qualifying number of antlerless elk have been harvested on the landowners land. The agency would need to adopt and promulgate rules and regulation for the free-earned landowner elk permit.

The actual number of permits that might be issued under this proposed legislation is difficult to predict since the season will be based on need and may differ from year to year. Other challenges to predicting the impact are related to the size of the area included in the season, quota numbers established and the unlimited permits that will be made available to general and landowner hunters. Since these are new, the fiscal impact is thought to be revenue positive, but could be negative if the purchasers obtain these in lieu of a regular season permit rather than in addition to, and the reduction in some populations could decrease the number of regular season permits that would be available. Based on current depreddation issues, for the purpose of this fiscal note, it is projected that an estimated 20 depreddation seasons could be utilized for all species resulting in about 1,000 permits issued. Using the maximum resident fee of \$25 an estimated \$25,000 could be realized.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>
	<u>21-22</u>	<u>22-23</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____