

**FISCAL NOTE**  
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2008-09		FY 2009-10	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	17,786			
CASH FUNDS	23,090	24,125	120,830	136,250
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	40,876	24,125	120,830	136,250

\*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 1059 would establish a process whereby deer hunters could harvest more deer than needed for personal consumption and donate those deer to food banks for distribution to individuals. The program would be administered by the Game and Parks Commission and would be funded by an additional fee of \$1 on each deer permit sold, and the collection of \$1 from the special deprecation permit required to harvest a donated deer.

Revenue Impact

- **\$1 additional fee on deer permits:** Based on 2007 deer permit sales the annual revenue is estimated to be \$130,000. This revenue would be placed into the created Help Us Stop Hunger Cash Fund. The Commission has estimated that this \$1 fee would not start being collected until January 2009, and for this reason do not show any revenue being collected until FY09-10. However, there are a certain number of deer permits sold from January to July each year. Assuming 23,000 permits are sold during this time period the cash flow of revenue from the \$1 fee would impact FY08-09. Estimated revenue in FY08-09 is \$23,000 and estimated revenue in FY09-10 is \$130,000.
- **\$1 from deprecation permits:** The bill would require hunters to obtain a deprecation permit (\$25) in order to harvest deer for donation. The proceeds from this fee are split 50% to the landowner, 50% less \$1 to the Game Cash Fund, and \$1 to the Help Us Stop Hunger Cash Fund. This permit will allow the hunter to take one deer for personal use and up to four deer for donation. If one assumes that 1,000 deer are donated there would be a potential of 1,000 deprecation permits issued if each hunter harvested one donated deer, or a potential of 250 deprecation permits issued if each hunter harvested four donated deer. If one assumes a middle of the road 500 deprecation permits are issued the additional revenue to the Game Cash fund is \$5,750 annually, and the additional revenue to the Help Us Stop Hunger Cash Fund would be \$500. Assuming 18% of these permits will be purchased during the January to July time period, the estimated revenue during FY08-09 to the Game Cash Fund would be \$1,035, and the revenue to the Help Us Stop Hunger Cash Fund would equal \$90. In FY09-10 a full year of revenue would be collected. The Commission does not show this additional revenue in their fiscal note estimate.

Expenditure Impact

The Game and Parks Commission is charged with administration and is required to promote the program; enlist meat processors; provide forms and posters; provide 2 lb. freezer bags; establish a per-deer reimbursement fee and process payments for meat processing and distribution costs; and enter into annual agreements with processors and distributors.

The Commission has indicated the need for a full time position starting in January of 2009. Added to this are costs for equipment, supplies, posters, freezer bags, payments for processing and distribution, etc. (please refer to the Commission's attached fiscal note for a breakdown of these costs). The total of these costs as estimated by the Commission are \$40,876 in FY08-09 and \$120,830 in FY09-10. Based on the estimated cash fund revenue accruing to the Help Us Stop Hunger Cash Fund in FY08-09 (\$23,090), the need for General Funds in FY08-09 to support costs above the available revenue equals \$17,786. Starting in FY09-10 all costs would be funded from the cash fund.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

REVIEWED BY	Mike Salzwedel	DATE 2/18/08	PHONE 471-2526
COMMENTS			
GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION: No basis to disagree with review. It appears programs scope will be limited to revenues from deer permits and would be adjusted as necessary based on those revenues; other assumptions are reasonable including the need for General Fund support until program is up and running.			