



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

### Bill information:

SB0520 - Generally revise hunting license laws (Molnar, Brad )

**Status:** As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact     | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance:</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Description of fiscal impact:** SB 520 limits sheep, moose, and archery tags for nonresidents, gives preference for nonresident tags to nonresident relative of resident, eliminates nonresidents from purchasing undrawn licenses, tags and permits for deer, antelope, elk, moose, and sheep and increases the fee for nonresident bow and arrow license.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

1. SB 520 limits the number of sheep and moose tags available to nonresidents to no more than 10% of the number of tags offered to residents in the previous year. Based on license year 2022, there would be a reduction in revenue of \$15,750 as shown in the table below.

License Type	LY2022 License Sold Nonresident	LY2022 License Sold Resident	Total License Sold	LY2022 Revenue	Bill Change 10% Nonresident	Change in Revenue
Moose License	16	143	159	\$37,875	\$37,875	\$0
Sheep License	34	164	198	\$63,000	\$47,250	-\$15,750
Total	50	307	357	\$100,875	\$85,125	-\$15,750

2. The bill prohibits nonresidents from purchasing undrawn licenses, tags, and permits. Based on 2022 license sales, there will result in a reduction in revenue of \$4,928,333. The table below shows total sales.

License Type	Nonresident License Sold	Total Revenue
Antelope	11,576	\$2,313,650
Deer B	12,487	\$928,538
Elk B	6,023	\$1,623,645
Moose	16	\$20,000
Sheep	34	\$42,500
Grand Total	30,136	\$4,928,333

3. The bill limits archery license, tags, and permits to no more than 10% sold to nonresidents. Based on 2022 license sales, nonresidents purchased less than 10%. There is no change to revenue.

License Type	LY2022 License Sold Nonresident	LY2022 License Sold Resident	Total License Sold
Archery Only	555	5042	5597

4. SB 520 increases the bow and arrow license for nonresidents from \$10.00 to \$100.00. Based on 2022 license sales, this will increase revenue by \$988,200.

License Type	LY2022 License Sold Nonresident	LY2022 License Sold Resident	Total License Sold	LY2022 Revenue	Bill Change \$100 Nonresident	Change in Revenue
Special Bow & Arrow	10,980	46,053	57033	\$570,330	\$1,558,530	\$988,200

5. SB 520 will reduce the projected revenue by \$3,955,883.

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)
<b>TOTAL Funding of Exp.</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)	(\$3,955,883)
Federal Special Revenue (03)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>	<b>(\$3,955,883)</b>
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Technical Notes:**

1. The effective date should be March 1, 2024, to coincide with the license year.
2. This bill gives priority to nonresident relatives of a resident. There is currently no sheep or moose nonresident relative of a resident license per 87-2-514, MCA.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

Date

3/27/23

Budget Director's Initials

Date

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3-24-23