



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

SB0428 - Elect fish and wildlife commissioners (Molnar, Brad)

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<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>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$135,805	\$252,011	\$252,011
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$135,805	\$252,011	\$252,011
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	\$0	(\$135,805)	(\$252,011)	(\$252,011)

Description of fiscal impact: SB 428 requires the Fish and Wildlife commissioners to be elected.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Fish and Wildlife Commission consists of seven members that are appointed by the Governor. This bill will require that commission members are elected, commencing the November 2024 general election.
- The Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) assumes the elected members will begin January 1, 2025.
- It is assumed that FWP will require 7.00 FTE for the elected commission members.
- Each elected member will be entitled to a salary of \$50,000. This will be an increased cost of \$350,000.
- It is assumed that each elected member will also earn benefits. This will be an increased cost of \$154,021.
- The start-up operating costs associated with the new 7.00 FTE will be \$19,600. It is assumed the members will not earn any additional reimbursements above what they currently receive for performing commission duties.

7. This bill specifies that half of the salary will be paid from the general fund and half paid from the FWP state special revenue fund.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	\$0	\$252,011	\$504,021	\$504,021
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$19,600	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$271,611	\$504,021	\$504,021
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$135,805	\$252,011	\$252,011
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$135,805	\$252,011	\$252,011
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$0	\$271,611	\$504,021	\$504,021
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	(\$135,805)	(\$252,011)	(\$252,011)
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	(\$135,805)	(\$252,011)	(\$252,011)

Technical Notes:

1. This bill states that the “fish and game account” is to be used to pay the elected members expenses; for purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed this means the general license account.

NO SPONSOR SIGNATURE

Sponsor's Initials

2/27/23

Date



Budget Director's Initials

2-27-23

Date