

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. NO.: 4402-02
BILL NO.: SB 982
SUBJECT: Department of Conservation; Wild elk
TYPE: Original
DATE: February 25, 2000

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
| Conservation Commission Fund | (Unknown) | (Unknown) | (Unknown) |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds | (Unknown) | (Unknown) | (Unknown) |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
| None | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General** assume their agency would not be fiscally impacted by this proposed legislation.

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** (CTS) noted that they are not aware of any significant numbers of wild elk at the present time. They also noted that there are some elk being raised as livestock. Additionally, CTS noted that they would expect one or more test cases to determine the parameters of the law. Officials assume that if a significant number of civil claims are filed against the Conservation Commission, there would be a corresponding impact on the workload and cost of the judiciary.

Officials from the **Department of Conservation** (MDC) assume that under this proposed legislation their agency would be fiscally impacted if wild elk enter Missouri because MDC would be financially responsible for wild elk in the state. Officials noted that they are not aware of any wild elk in Missouri. However, they noted that the extent of future fiscal impact is unknown.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2001 (10 Mo.) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND | | | |
| <u>Cost - Department of Conservation</u> Expense and Equipment | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> | <u>(Unknown)</u> |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2001 (10 Mo.) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

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DESCRIPTION

This proposal makes the Department of Conservation financially responsible for any damage caused to crops, livestock, property or vehicles by wild elk. Wild elk may be destroyed by the land owner or lessor of land when the wild elk have caused any damage to such property.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Conservation
Office of the Attorney General
Office of State Courts Administrator



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