

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 0439-01  
BILL NO.: SB 107  
SUBJECT: Department of Conservation; Wild elk  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: December 20, 2000

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Conservation Commission Fund	(Unknown)	(Unknown)	(Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Attorney General** assume the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

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 the proposed legislation would have unknown fiscal impact on their agency if wild elk enter Missouri because MDC would be financially responsible for them. Officials noted that they are not aware of any wild elk in Missouri.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND</b>			
<u>Cost - Department of Conservation Expense and Equipment</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	<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.

DESCRIPTION

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This proposal makes the Department of Conservation financially responsible for any damage caused by the reintroduction of wild elk to the state. The Department would be responsible for damage to livestock and property. Additionally, the Department would be responsible for injuries sustained due to a collision with wild elk.

A landowner shall notify the Department upon the discovery of any property damage caused by wild elk and the Department shall act to control further damage caused by them. Wild elk may be destroyed by the land owner or lessor of land when they have caused 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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