

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5784 SB	<b>Title:</b> Deer & elk crop damage	<b>Agency:</b> 477-Department of Fish and Wildlife
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	270,000	315,000	585,000	540,000	540,000
<b>Total \$</b>	270,000	315,000	585,000	540,000	540,000

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

*The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.*

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Section 1 increases funding available to pay claims and assessment payments for commercial crop damage caused by deer and elk from \$30,000 General Fund State to \$300,000 per fiscal year.

Section 2 sets an appeal of decision limit of \$30,000 and prohibits payments for new claims in excess of available funds beyond the subsequent fiscal year.

Section 3 increases the claim limit from \$10,000 to \$30,000 and eliminates appeals except as allowed in RCW 77.36.100.

Section 4 requires WDFW to report to legislature a list of recommendations for changes to Washington statutes after reviewing crop and livestock wildlife damage programs in other states by December 1, 2024.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

Section 1: Pass through funds, Object N, require additional General Fund State appropriations in the amount of \$270,000 per fiscal year for claims and assessment costs from wild deer or elk damage to commercial crops.

Section 2 and Section 3: Goods and services, Object E, includes \$8,000 for costs associated with rulemaking. Estimate includes \$4,000 per rule for Attorney General time and public hearing costs.

Section 4: Contracts, Object C, are estimated at \$25,000. The Department assumes data collection would be contracted due to current staff restraints. The Department would form an oversight committee to direct data collection, analyze findings, and determine recommendations for changes to Washington statutes.

An infrastructure and program support rate of 36.03% is included in Object T and is calculated based on WDFW's federally approved indirect rate.

## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	270,000	315,000	585,000	540,000	540,000
<b>Total \$</b>			270,000	315,000	585,000	540,000	540,000

**III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years					
A-Salaries and Wages					
B-Employee Benefits					
C-Professional Service Contracts		25,000	25,000		
E-Goods and Other Services		8,000	8,000		
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services	270,000	270,000	540,000	540,000	540,000
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		12,000	12,000		
9-					
<b>Total \$</b>	270,000	315,000	585,000	540,000	540,000

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

**III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)**

NONE

**Part IV: Capital Budget Impact**

**IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures**

NONE

**IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

Section 2(4)(b) limits the payment authority to \$30,000 for an appeal thus requiring WAC 220-440-140 to be changed.

Section 2(5) changes the current perpetual payment carryover to a single year, thus requiring changes to both WAC 220-440-140 and WAC 220-440-150.

Section 3(1)(b) raises the claim payout that triggers an appeal from \$10,000 to \$30,000 thus requiring changes to WAC 220-440-150.