

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5862 SB	Title: Hunting licenses/students	Agency: 477-Department of Fish and Wildlife
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

ACCOUNT	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Recreational Fisheries Enhancement-State 04M-1		9,000	9,000	18,000	18,000
Warm Water Game Fish Account-State 071-1		2,000	2,000	4,000	4,000
Eastern Washington Pheasant Enhancement Account-State 098-1		(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Limited Fish and Wildlife Account-State 104-1		(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Biotoxin Account-State 15M-1		5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account-State 24N-1		(27,000)	(27,000)	(54,000)	(54,000)
Total \$		(13,000)	(13,000)	(26,000)	(26,000)

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Account					
Limited Fish and Wildlife Account-State 104-1	0	(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account-State 24N-1	0	17,000	17,000	24,000	24,000
Total \$	0	16,000	16,000	22,000	22,000

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 requires the Department, upon verification of eligibility, to issue a non-resident student a combination fishing license or any hunting license at the same cost as a nondisabled Washington resident. To qualify, a student must be a full-time student who is enrolled in and attending an accredited institution of higher education in Washington for at least six months prior to the date of application.

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.

Section 1 requires the Department to issue a license to a non-resident full-time student who is enrolled in and attending an accredited institution of higher learning in Washington for at least six months immediately prior to the date of application at the cost of a resident license.

Based on license year 2022 data, approximately 10,000 non-Resident customers between the ages of 16-25 purchased a fishing license and approximately 600 non-Resident customers between the ages of 16-25 purchased a hunting license. WDFW assumes that 15% of these users are college students. The Department also assumes that non-resident college anglers are buying one day passes and non-resident college hunters are buying Deer and Elk w/discounted small game hunting licenses.

Based on these assumptions, WDFW estimates fishing revenue will increase by \$48,000 (\$72,750 - \$24,750) and hunting revenue will decrease by \$59,670 (\$8,550 - \$68,220), see attached table. The Limited Fish and Wildlife Account (104) collect 10 percent of these transactions for the Wild Transaction Fee: $\$11,670 * 0.1 = \$1,167$

Total revenue loss (rounded to the nearest thousand): $-\$12,000 + -\$1,000 = -\$13,000$

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 requires the Department to issue a license to a non-resident full-time student who is enrolled in and attending an accredited institution of higher learning in Washington for at least six months immediately prior to the date of application at the cost of a resident license. The Department will need to develop and implement an application process for eligible students and assumes this process will be similar to the application process used to issue non-resident veterans reduced rate licenses and National Guard licenses.

Eligible non-resident students will need to apply for the exemption every year. The Department assumes there will be an additional annual workload and it will take a Customer Service Specialist 2 (CSS2) 10 minutes to process each application (6 applications per hour). WDFW assumes there will be 1,590 applications (see cash receipt) and it will take 265 hours (1,590 applications / 6 applications/hour = 265 hours) or 0.1 FTE CSS2 to process all applications in fiscal year 2025 and ongoing. Annual salaries and benefits, Objects A & B, are \$8,000.

WDFW will also require 40 hours from a Customer Service Specialist 4 to develop the application and standard operating procedures and train CSS2s to review applications and answer any technical questions from the public. These costs will be absorbed within existing resources.

To apply the change in the licensing system, WDFW assumes that the update will take the current license vendor 30 hours

at a rate of \$150 per hour for a total of \$4,500, Object C. This estimate is based on prior updates to the licensing system of a similar scale.

WDFW estimates that the changes in Section 2 will reduce license by \$12,000 revenue (see cash receipts). License sales are subject to a 10 percent transaction fee, per RCW 77.32.050, which is deposited into the Limited Fish and Wildlife Account (104). This transaction fee is used for maintaining WDFW’s automated licensing system, such as payments to the vendor who built and maintains the system. The Department estimates that transaction expenditures will decrease by \$1,200 (\$12,000 * .1) in fiscal year 2025 and ongoing, Object C.

Goods and services, Object E, includes \$7,000 per FTE, per year, for WDFW standard costs, which cover an average employee's supplies, communications, training, and subscription costs per year. 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. The infrastructure and program support rate is not applied to the change in contractual costs.

Total costs for fiscal year 2025 are \$16,000. Total costs for fiscal year 2026 and ongoing are \$11,000.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
104-1	Limited Fish and Wildlife Account	State	0	(1,000)	(1,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
24N-1	Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Account	State	0	17,000	17,000	24,000	24,000
Total \$			0	16,000	16,000	22,000	22,000

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
A-Salaries and Wages		5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
B-Employee Benefits		3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000
C-Professional Service Contracts		4,000	4,000	(2,000)	(2,000)
E-Goods and Other Services		1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000
G-Travel					
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements		3,000	3,000	6,000	6,000
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Total \$	0	16,000	16,000	22,000	22,000

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

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
CUSTOMER SERVICE SPECIALIST			0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total FTEs			0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

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.

WDFW LY22 License Data and Assumptions

Fishing License Type	Customer	FEE	# LIC	TOTAL
			SOLD	#SOLD * FEE
COMBINATION - FW/SW/SF - 1 DAYS	Non Resident	\$ 16.50	1,500	\$ 24,750
Annual Combination Fishing License	Resident	\$ 48.50	1,500	\$ 72,750
		\$ 32.00		\$ 48,000
Hunting License Type				
DEER + ELK - w/SGD	Non Resident	\$ 758.00	90	\$ 68,220
DEER + ELK - w/SGD	Resident	\$ 95.00	90	\$ 8,550
		\$ (663.00)		\$ (59,670)
	Total			\$ (11,670)
	10% Transacation Fee			\$ (1,167)
	Grand Total			\$ (12,837)