

Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720

Senate Bill No. 2017

Base Level Funding Changes

	Senate Version				House Version				House Changes to Senate Version Increase (Decrease) - Senate Version			
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2023-25 Biennium Base Level	164.00	\$0	\$89,581,634	\$89,581,634	164.00	\$0	\$89,581,634	\$89,581,634	0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023-25 Ongoing Funding Changes												
Cost to continue salaries			\$295,116	\$295,116			\$295,116	\$295,116				\$0
Salary increase			1,937,848	1,937,848			2,515,070	2,515,070			577,222	577,222
Health insurance increase			909,396	909,396			888,701	888,701			(20,695)	(20,695)
Retirement contribution increase				0				0				0
Adds 1 FTE fisheries biologist II position	1.00		238,748	238,748	1.00		238,748	238,748				0
Adds 1 FTE account budget specialist III position				0				0				0
Adds 2 FTE enforcement warden investigator positions	1.00		306,778	306,778	0.00		0	0	(1.00)		(306,778)	(306,778)
Adds 3 FTE positions for additional emphasis on wildlife habitat and access on private lands	3.00		4,657,974	4,657,974	1.00		237,102	237,102	(2.00)		(4,420,872)	(4,420,872)
Adds 1 FTE position for aquatic nuisance species increase	1.00		1,198,589	1,198,589	1.00		1,198,589	1,198,589				0
Removes salary funding for funding pool				0			(3,537,132)	(3,537,132)			(3,537,132)	(3,537,132)
Adds funding in various line items			2,966,393	2,966,393			2,966,393	2,966,393				0
Information Technology Department shared software and service rate changes			80,908	80,908			80,908	80,908				0
Adds funding for motor pool cost increase			1,157,192	1,157,192			1,157,192	1,157,192				0
Adds funding for midterm conservation agreements			2,777,778	2,777,778			2,777,778	2,777,778				0
Adds funding for private land open to sportsmen program				0			4,000,000	4,000,000			4,000,000	4,000,000
Total ongoing funding changes	6.00	\$0	\$16,526,720	\$16,526,720	3.00	\$0	\$12,818,465	\$12,818,465	(3.00)	\$0	(\$3,708,255)	(\$3,708,255)
One-Time Funding Items												
Adds one-time funding for food, clothing, and information technology equipment for fisheries biologist II position			\$3,250	\$3,250			\$3,250	\$3,250				\$0
Adds one-time funding for equipment for account budget specialist III position				0				0				0
Adds one-time funding for uniform and equipment for warden investigator positions			46,990	46,990			0	0			(46,990)	(46,990)
Adds one-time funding for aquatic nuisance species laboratory and storage facility			850,000	850,000			850,000	850,000				0
Adds one-time funding for in-car video system and body cameras			550,000	550,000			550,000	550,000				0
Adds one-time funding for fisheries pond liners			1,000,000	1,000,000			1,000,000	1,000,000				0
Adds one-time funding for Devils Lake bunkhouse improvements			350,000	350,000			350,000	350,000				0
Adds one-time funding for fisheries dam repairs			380,000	380,000			380,000	380,000				0
Adds one-time funding for additional emphasis on wildlife habitat and access on private lands			35,600	35,600			3,200	3,200			(32,400)	(32,400)
Adds one-time funding for aquatic nuisance species increase			208,250	208,250			208,250	208,250				0
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$3,424,090	\$3,424,090	0.00	\$0	\$3,344,700	\$3,344,700	0.00	\$0	(\$79,390)	(\$79,390)
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	6.00	\$0	\$19,950,810	\$19,950,810	3.00	\$0	\$16,163,165	\$16,163,165	(3.00)	\$0	(\$3,787,645)	(\$3,787,645)
2023-25 Total Funding	170.00	\$0	\$109,532,444	\$109,532,444	167.00	\$0	\$105,744,799	\$105,744,799	(3.00)	\$0	(\$3,787,645)	(\$3,787,645)

Federal funds included in other funds

\$52,124,743

\$50,565,479

(\$1,559,264)

Total ongoing changes as a percentage of base level

3.7%

18.4%

18.4%

1.8%

14.3%

14.3%

Total changes as a percentage of base level

3.7%

22.3%

22.3%

1.8%

18.0%

18.0%

Other Sections in Game and Fish Department - Budget No. 720

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Grants, gifts, and donations

Section 3 includes in the grants, gifts, and donations line item \$100,000 received by the Game and Fish Department for surface damage, easements, or reclamation of department-owned or department-managed properties from oil or mining activities.

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Contingent authority and full-time equivalent positions - Recovering America's Wildlife Act

Section 4 appropriates \$27,150,000 and authorizes 7 FTE positions to implement the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act during the 2023-25 biennium, contingent upon passage of the Recovering America's Wildlife Act.

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Mid-term conservation agreements

Section 5 identifies that the \$2,777,778 included in the land habitat and deer depredation line item can be used for mid-term conservation agreements entered with private landowners for terms up to 15 years.

Line item transfer authority

Section 5 authorizes the Office of Management and Budget to transfer up to \$2 million of appropriation authority between the operating expenses, capital assets, and grants - game and fish line items during the 2023-25 biennium. The department must report any transfers to the Legislative Council.

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