

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/08/2015

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1156

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$47,148		\$94,296
Expenditures				\$40,000		
Appropriations				\$40,000		

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

The bill creates the option for an unsuccessful deer lottery applicant to choose to donate their deer lottery license refund to the private land open to sportsmen program. This bill will increase revenue and expenditures.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

This bill will increase revenue by allowing an option for unsuccessful deer lottery applicants to donate their deer lottery refunds into the game and fish private land habitat and access improvement fund and be allocated for the private land open to sportsmen program. It is difficult to estimate the fiscal impact because it is unknown how many unsuccessful applicants will choose to donate their deer lottery refunds. This bill has an effect on expenditures because it will require programming changes to the Game and Fish online licensing system.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

The fiscal impact is difficult to calculate as it is unknown how many unsuccessful deer lottery applicants will choose to donate their deer lottery license refund. A resident deer license is \$30, a youth is \$10 and a nonresident is \$250. In September 2014, the department issued \$942,950 in resident deer lottery refunds. In August 2014, the department issued \$502,928 in nonresident deer lottery refunds. It is unknown how many sportsmen will apply for the deer lottery (e.g. 66,000 to 103,000), how many deer licenses will be issued in future years, how many deer lottery refunds will be issued and how many unsuccessful applicants will choose to donate their deer lottery refund. For purposes of this fiscal note, we will assume 5% of resident & 0% of nonresident unsuccessful deer lottery applicants will choose to donate their deer lottery refund. Based on our 2014 deer lottery refunds, it would equate to \$47,148 per year. The proposed bill would not have an effect until the 2016 deer lottery due to when the bill would go into effect and the required time involved in programming changes, and timing of the hunting season. Therefore, only 1 year in the 2015-17 biennium will be affected.

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The proposed bill requires programming changes to the Game and Fish online licensing system. We estimate the programming changes would cost the department approx. \$40,000. The refund program will need to be changed so credit cards are not refunded, checks are not printed, refunds are redirected to the game and fish fund, etc. Deer applications are due in June and refunds are issued in August and September. The proposed bill would not take effect until the 2016 deer lottery due to the time involved in programming changes and timing of the hunting season.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

This bill creates a one-time cost of \$40,000 for programming changes.

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