

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/12/2021

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2184

- 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.*

	2019-2021 Biennium		2021-2023 Biennium		2023-2025 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues				\$(106,950)		
Expenditures				\$50,000		
Appropriations				\$50,000		

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

	2019-2021 Biennium	2021-2023 Biennium	2023-2025 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).*

A bill for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 20.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to big game hunting licenses for hunter education (HE) volunteer instructors.

- 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.*

The proposed bill would allow HE instructors that provided instruction within the preceding calendar year a license to hunt any legal deer.

Also allow HE instructors that provided instruction in each of the 5 preceding calendar years to receive one of the following licenses: bighorn sheep, elk, or moose.

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.*

1. Deer Gun: There are 727 eligible HE instructors that provided instruction within the preceding calendar year. These licenses would take away from the lottery allocation, however it will not affect revenue.

2. In 2020: We had approximately 223 HE instructors that provided instruction in each of the 5 preceding years & would qualify for a bighorn sheep, elk, or moose license. In 2020, we only had 6 bighorn sheep licenses available. Thus there would've been no licenses available for the lottery. This calculates to a loss of approx. \$106,950 in revenue from application fees from the bighorn sheep lottery [16,930 Res Applicants x \$5 (\$84,650) + 223 NR Applications x \$100 (\$22,300) = \$106,950].

There also potentially could be a loss of revenue from applicants for the elk and moose lotteries. In 2020, the # of licenses available were 474 elk & 523 moose. It is difficult to predict how many applicants will choose not to apply when the licenses available for the moose and elk lottery decrease significantly.

3. We could also have potential impacts to the Wild Sheep Foundation program; the negative impact is unknown.

- 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.*

Expenditures are estimated to be between \$50,000-\$100,000 for one-time IT programming costs to develop the license allocation, instructor tracking and instructor lottery system if necessary, for instructors seeking limited licenses.

- 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.*

Operating line would be increased by \$50,000-\$100,000 for estimated one-time IT programming costs.

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