

NATURAL RESOURCES -- FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATION

Fish and Wildlife Account Condition
[LFB Paper #470]

Motion:

Move to delete \$1,005,100 fish and wildlife SEG in 2016-17 with 13.35 positions.

Note:

This would adopt alternative 1b beginning in fiscal year 2016-17.

[Change to Bill: -\$1,005,100 SEG and -13.35 SEG positions]

Posted By:
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Representative Taylor
Representative Nygren

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Motion:

Move to require DNR to, in consultation with stakeholders, including hunters, anglers, trappers, and conservationists, report to the Joint Committee on Finance by January 1, 2017, on a plan to address the imbalance in the fish and wildlife account. Require the report to include, at a minimum, recommendations for program reductions and hunting and fishing fee increases necessary to bring the ongoing revenue and expenditure level into balance.

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Car-Killed Deer
[LFB Paper #471]

Motion:

Move to provide \$701,400 forestry SEG on a one-time basis in 2015-16 and 2016-17 and require the Department of Natural Resources to administer the program for removal of car-killed deer from state trunk highways. Require DNR to submit a report to the Governor, Joint Committee on Finance and appropriate standing committees of the Legislature by January 1, 2017, including the cost effectiveness of the program, the number of deer collected, and any recommendations regarding the program. In addition, specify that a person may take possession of the carcass of a deer killed in a motor vehicle collision, subject to certain CWD-related regulations, if the person contacts the Department of Natural Resources in a manner prescribed by DNR and identifies the following prior to taking possession: (a) the name and address of the person taking possession of the carcass; and (b) the location of the carcass.

Note:

The state trunk highway system includes state, interstate, and U.S. highways. Section 29.349 currently requires any person who is taking possession of the carcass of a deer, bear, or wild turkey killed in a motor vehicle collision on a highway to have the carcass tagged by a law enforcement officer (no fee is required for the tag). The motion would remove the tag requirement.

[Change to Bill: \$1,402,800 SEG]

Posted By:
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Representative Nygren
Senator Darling

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Snowmobile Supplemental Trail Aids Joint Finance Requests
[LFB Paper #474]

Motion:

Move to modify s. 350.12(4)(br) of the statutes to specify that if supplemental snowmobile aids payable to counties and to the Department exceeds the moneys available from the snowmobile gas tax multiplier and nonresident snowmobile sticker transfer, DNR may only do the following or any combination of the following: (1) prorate the payments; or (2) submit a request to the Joint Committee on Finance for approval under a 14 day passive review procedure.

Note:

This would adopt Alternative #1, but with the modification that the review procedure be under section 16.515 procedures, rather than section 13.101.

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Delete Class B Bear License

Motion:

Move to delete the Class B bear license and increase the Class A bear application fee from \$3 to \$4.50. In addition, specify that no license is required to conduct any of the following activities as long as the activities are not conducted for the purpose of shooting, shooting at, taking, catching, or killing, the bear: (a) assist a person in hunting bear by tracking bear, trailing bear or engaging in any other activity to locate bear; (b) bait bear; (c) train a dog to track bear, to trail bear or to otherwise engage in any activity that contributes to locating bear.

Note:

Under current law, a Class A bear license is required to hunt (harvest) bear and a Class B bear license (\$14 resident and \$110 nonresident) is required to pursue bear. The application fee for a Class A bear license or a preference point is currently \$3. Under the motion, a license would no longer be required to pursue bear. The increased application fee would result in increased revenue to the fish and wildlife account of approximately \$150,000 SEG annually, and the deletion of the Class B bear license would result in an estimated loss in revenue of approximately \$115,000 SEG annually to the fish and wildlife account of the conservation fund.

[Change to Bill: \$70,000 SEG REV]

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