

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2017-18		FY 2018-19	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 635 would increase the minimum fines for Game Law violations as follows:

Unlawfully, hunts, traps, possession of out of season:	Current Fine	LB 635 Fine
Elk	At least \$500	At least \$1,000
Deer, antelope, swan, wild turkey	At least \$200	At least \$500
Quail, pheasant, partridge, Hungarian partridge, curlew, grouse, mourning dove, Sandhill crane, waterfowl	At least \$100	At least \$500

In addition, the fine for shooting from the road increases from at least \$100 to at least \$500; the penalty for illegally hunting Elk would change from a Class III misdemeanor to a Class II misdemeanor; the penalty for illegally hunting mountain sheep would change from a Class II misdemeanor to a Class I misdemeanor; and the fine for unlawfully taking or possessing game is changed to \$50 per animal up to the maximum fine authorized by law.

Any increase in fine revenue will benefit local schools as they are the recipients of this revenue. The amount of any increase is indeterminate due to unknown variables such as the impact of the higher fines on violations and whether prosecution will be successful.

There would be no fiscal impact on the Game and Parks Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSES		
LB: 635	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
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COMMENTS: I concur with Nebraska Game and Parks Commission that no fiscal impact is anticipated.		

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LB⁽¹⁾ 635

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State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: ⁽²⁾ Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2017-18</u>		<u>FY 2018-19</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation would make changes to some current game law violations in terms of the class and fine. Elk violations would change from a Class III misdemeanor with at least a five hundred dollar fine to a Class II misdemeanor and at least a one thousand dollar fine. Mountain Sheep violations would become a Class I misdemeanor, as opposed to its current Class II status. Fine limits would increase from one hundred dollars to five hundred dollars for upland game violations and road hunting. Fines would be per animal.

Since fine proceeds do not come to the Game and Parks Commission, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>
	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____