

**Department of Planning and Budget
2004 Fiscal Impact Statement**

1. Bill Number SB261

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Hawkins

3. Committee Passed Both Houses

4. Title Use of drugs on wildlife

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill prohibits persons from administering drugs to any vertebrate wildlife except as allowed under a Department of Game and Inland Fisheries permit or regulation. The penalty for violation of this prohibition is a Class 2 misdemeanor.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are not available: SEE ITEM 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on the state. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries would be primarily responsible for enforcement. Any violation that results in a court appearance would impact the court system and any jail sentence would also impose costs. A violation of this bill is punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor, which is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or up to six months in jail or both. However, there is no data to project how many violations would occur, thus making the impact on the court system and jails indeterminable.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the judicial system.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Natural Resources