

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1023

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Puckett

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; damage stamp compensation program.

5. Summary: Removes the local authority and responsibility to create and administer the damage stamp compensation program, which assists farmers whose crops and livestock are damaged by deer, elk, or bear, or by big game hunters. The bill establishes a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Damage Stamp Fund. The fund and administration responsibilities are reestablished with the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries. Moneys in the fund, which come from special stamps paid by hunters of bear, deer, and elk, must be expended each year for crop damages or donated to support the activities of Hunters for the Hungry.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 359 SB 800

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:

7a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2011			
2012	\$733,500	9.0	0900
2013	\$733,500	9.0	0900
2014	\$733,500	9.0	0900
2015	\$733,500	9.0	0900
2016	\$733,500	9.0	0900
2017	\$733,500	9.0	0900

7b. Revenue Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2011		
2012	\$1,315,000	0900
2013	\$1,315,000	0900
2014	\$1,315,000	0900
2015	\$1,315,000	0900
2016	\$1,315,000	0900
2017	\$1,315,000	0900

- 8. Fiscal Implications:** The proposed damage compensation program would provide a mechanism to compensate for damage to crops, fruit trees, commercially grown Christmas trees, nursery stock, livestock, colonies of bees, bee equipment and appliances or farm equipment that is caused by deer, elk, or bear, or by big game hunters.

The expense estimates above do not include the payments to the individual landowners for the value of their damaged property. Prior to awarding the payment of any claim for damage done by animals, the staff at Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) will have to physically inspect the site, ensure that the damage was in fact done by an animal or hunter (and not the landowner themselves), and place a valuation on the damage.

- 9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, local government(s)

- 10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

- 11. Other Comments:** None

Date: 1/24/2011