

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB559

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

2. Patron: Hanger

3. Committee: Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources

4. Title: Special use permits.

5. Summary: Authorizes the state forester to issue the special use permit for certain activities on state forest lands without the approval of the Board of Forestry. The bill expands the requirement for a permit for mountain biking to all bike riding. The existing \$15 fee is removed; instead it is left to the department to set the fee through the regulatory process. The bill also removes the option of the state forester to issue a separate license to trap on state forest lands. The bill requires the department to promulgate emergency regulations, and prohibits an increase in the fee until such time as the regulations become effective.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8, below.

8. Fiscal Implications: The bill may have an indeterminate nongeneral fund revenue impact. Currently, the fee for a special use permit is \$15. Any impact will depend on whether the amount of the existing fee increases, decreases, or remains the same, and the number of special use permits issued for activities conducted on a state forest for which a fee is not currently required but will be required under the provisions of the bill. Revenue generated from the fee is deposited to a nongeneral fund account and supports the state forest activities within the agency. State forest operations is self-supporting.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Departments of Forestry and Game and Inland Fisheries.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: In FY 2011, the Department of Forestry sold 7,419 special use permits.

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