Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

| 1. | Bill Number: SB982 |
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| | House of Origin |
| | Second House |
| 2. | Patron: Whipple |
| 3. | Committee: Passed Both Houses |
| 4. | Title: Endangered and threatened species. |
| 5. | Summary: Authorizes the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to adopt regulations that allow the (i) taking, possession, exportation, transportation, or release of fish or wildlife within or among designated experimental populations of a specific species, within the context of an approved conservation plan for the species; and (ii) incidental taking of certain endangered or threatened species of fish and wildlife as long as the project enhances the long-term survival of the species and the taking is at a minimum level. The bill exempts the incidental taking of animals from designated experimental populations from the currently authorized prohibitions and penalties. Currently, the Board may permit the taking, transportation, exportation or possession of any endangered or threatened species of fish or wildlife only for zoological, educational, scientific, or preservation purposes. |
| 6. | Budget Amendment Necessary: No |
| | Fiscal Impact Estimates: There is no fiscal impact. Any costs associated with plementing regulations will be absorbed by the agency's current budget. |
| 8. | Fiscal Implications: None |
| 9. | Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Game and Inland Fisheries |
| 10. | Technical Amendment Necessary: No |
| 11. | Other Comments: None |
| | Date: 2/16/2011 |