

## Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1686

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

2. **Patron:** Fariss

3. **Committee:** Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources

4. **Title:** Stocking and sale of fish; special permit

5. **Summary:** This bill authorizes the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries to establish a permit that allows the permittee to artificially raise largemouth bass and other members of the sunfish family for sale from a privately owned facility. Currently, a permit exists to artificially raise trout or catfish.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See item 8.

**7a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	n/a	n/a	n/a
2016	\$51,667	1.3	Game Protection Fund
2017	\$51,667	1.3	Game Protection Fund
2018	\$51,667	1.3	Game Protection Fund
2019	\$51,667	1.3	Game Protection Fund
2020	\$51,667	1.3	Game Protection Fund
2021	\$51,667	1.3	Game Protection Fund

**7b. Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2015	n/a	n/a
2016	\$1,500	Game Protection Fund
2017	\$1,500	Game Protection Fund
2018	\$1,500	Game Protection Fund
2019	\$1,500	Game Protection Fund
2020	\$1,500	Game Protection Fund
2021	\$1,500	Game Protection Fund

8. **Fiscal Implications:** This bill expands the types of fish that may be artificially raised by adding largemouth bass and other members of the sunfish family to a special permit classification. The fee for this permit is set at \$50. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) estimates that the bill will result in approximately 30 additional permits per

year. As such, a revenue increase of \$1,500 per year is anticipated. To administer the additional permits, DGIF will seek to fill one permit technician position. In addition, it is expected that about one third of a conservation police officer's time would be charged to the program to conduct additional inspections. In total, the agency anticipates an annual expenditure of \$51,667 to carry out these provisions. At this time, a budget amendment for additional appropriation is not needed based on historical expenditure patterns and unexpended appropriation balances. In addition, the agency has significant vacancies under its current maximum employment level that could serve to fulfill the required position.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

**11. Other Comments:** None.