

### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>07-0976/1</b>	<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0342</b>	
<b>Description</b> Possession of certain nonnative wild animals of the family felidae and granting rule-making authority		
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>		
<b>State:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		
<b>Local:</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs                      3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs                    4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts		
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b> <b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS		
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**Fiscal Estimate Narratives**  
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**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Summary: The bill requires that the owner of a nonnative "large cat" register the animal with the Department. The bill also requires the Department to maintain an electronic database that includes the information required to be provided by the owner and requires that the Department provide the information concerning each large cat to the county in which the cat is located.

Fiscal Effect: The Department would incur costs associated with processing registrations, compiling and maintaining a database, providing data to counties, and enforcing the provisions of the bill under the penalty provisions of Chapter 169.

The Department lacks reliable data with which to accurately estimate the number of large cats in the state that would be subject to the registration requirements of this bill. However, based on anecdotal evidence, the Department assumes that there may be as many as 400 nonnative large cats or hybrids in the state subject to the registration requirements.

Based on other databases it has developed, the Department anticipates one-time costs of \$3,000 associated with programming a database and providing Internet access to the information as required under the bill. The Department also anticipates labor related processing costs of \$10 per registration -- or \$4,000 (\$10 x 400 registrations). The Department also assumes it will incur ongoing, annualized costs of \$800 related to maintaining the database and providing information to counties. Counties may in turn incur administrative costs in an indeterminate amount as a result of this bill.

The Department also assumes that it will incur enforcement costs, particularly in the early years of the program. The Department assumes that owners of as many as 20% (an estimated 80 cats for purposes of this analysis) of the large cats required to be registered under the bill may not properly comply with the registration requirement, and may be brought to the Department's attention via a complaint from neighbors or community officials. DNR wardens would be expected to enforce the provisions of the bill under Chapter 169 and would incur time associated with investigating complaints, tracking potential violators, and educating those persons on the requirements under the bill, and, potentially, seizing the animal if the owner remained noncompliant.

The Department assumes that DNR wardens would spend, on average, at least 3 hours to complete these enforcement activities at an average hourly salary and fringe cost of \$40, or \$120 per case, multiplied by 80 cases, or \$9,600 in the first years of the program. The Department assumes that the enforcement workload would be less in subsequent years, but would expect to investigate at least 5 cases annually, resulting in annualized enforcement costs of \$600 (3 hours x \$40/hr x 5 cases = \$600).

Therefore, the estimated start-up costs associated with database development (\$3,000), registration processing (\$4,000), and initial enforcement (\$9,600) total \$16,600. Additionally, the Department anticipates that 20 large cats will be registered annually generating \$200 in processing costs (\$10 per registration x 20 registrations); 5 cat owners will be investigated annually at a cost of \$600; and the database will be maintained at an annual cost of \$800--totaling \$1,600 in ongoing annualized costs.

The bill directs the Department to promulgate a rule establishing a fee to cover its costs related to processing registrations, establishing and maintaining a database, and otherwise administering the provisions of the bill. The Department assumes that costs associated with "otherwise administering" the provisions of the bill include enforcement costs. Although the bill provides the Department the authority to charge a fee to cover its costs, it does not provide a means to appropriate the fee revenue to actually pay for its costs. As a result, the Department's costs will increase by amounts that cannot be absorbed in its current budget.

## **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

## Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2007 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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<b>I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):</b>  \$16,600 related to database development (\$3,000), registration (\$4,000) and initial enforcement efforts (\$9,600).			
<b>II. Annualized Costs:</b>		<b>Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:</b>	
		Increased Costs	Decreased Costs
<b>A. State Costs by Category</b>			
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$800		\$
(FTE Position Changes)			
State Operations - Other Costs	800		
Local Assistance			
Aids to Individuals or Organizations			
<b>TOTAL State Costs by Category</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>B. State Costs by Source of Funds</b>			
GPR			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S	1,600		
<b>III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, etc.)</b>			
	Increased Rev	Decreased Rev	
GPR Taxes	\$		\$
GPR Earned			
FED			
PRO/PRS			
SEG/SEG-S			
<b>TOTAL State Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>\$</b>
<b>NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT</b>			
	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$1,600		\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$		\$
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