



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0353.01: Revise shed hunting requirements

Primary Sponsor: Jill Cohenour

Status: As Introduced

☐ Included in the Executive Budget      ☒ Needs to be included in HB 2      ☐ Significant Local Gov Impact  
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts      ☐ Technical Concerns      ☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920
<b>Net Impact</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>				

### Description of fiscal impact

HB 353 grants the Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks authority to manage the collection of naturally shed antlers and horns. The department will collect license fees for shed hunting and expend the revenue for maintenance primarily of Wildlife Management Areas.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions

#### Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

1. DNRC receives revenue from the conservation licenses that are a prerequisite for the shed collecting license proposed in HB 353; however, because recreational access to state land already requires a conservation license, impacts to conservation license sales from HB 353 are anticipated to be negligible.

#### Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

2. HB 353 creates two new types of licenses to be issued by the department for collecting and possessing "naturally shed antlers and horns of elk, deer, and antelope (or game animal) except for mountain sheep" (which are already covered by 87-3-315, MCA);
  - a. Class F-1 resident shed collecting license - \$10
  - b. Class F-2 nonresident shed collecting license - \$50
3. The license would not be required for a landowner, family or employees for collection on landowners property.
4. This bill will require the commission to allow Class F-1 (resident) license holders to access FWP properties 8 days in advance of allowing Class F-2 (nonresident) license holders to access those property for shed collection.
5. Based on prior year data, the average number of shed collectors is estimated at 22,950.
6. Based on a four year average of license sales, FWP assumes 81% of shed collectors will be resident and 19% will be nonresident.

7. The table below estimates the revenue of implementing a shed collecting license.

License Type	Fee	Number of Collectors	Revenue
Resident			
Non-Resident	\$50	4,361	\$218,025
Total	-	22,950	\$403,920

8. Revenue generated from the fees will be used for maintenance on FWP properties, primarily WMA's where the majority of the shed hunting takes place.

### Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks				
	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>				
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Operating Expenses	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>
<b>Funding of Expenditures</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920
<b>TOTAL Funding of Expenditures</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920	\$403,920
<b>TOTAL Revenues</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>	<b>\$403,920</b>
<b>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)</b>				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Sponsor's Initials

Date

2/10/25

Budget Director's Initials

2/10/2025

Date