



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title: HB0074: Revising private fish pond and commercial take laws

Primary Sponsor: Kenneth Walsh 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>
Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
Net Impact	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
General Fund Balance				

Description of fiscal impact

HB 74 increases the fee for private pond permits, decreases the renewal period, and implements an application fee to transfer a fish pond license to a new landowner.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

- HB 74 increases the fee for a new private fish pond license from \$10 to \$600.
- HB 74 increases the fee for a private fish pond license renewal from \$10 to \$250, and changes the renewal period from every ten years to every five years.
- Currently the department receives an average of 152 private fish pond applications and renewals. The estimated increase in revenue is shown in the table below.
 - HB 74 implements a \$250 fee for a private fish pond transfer. The Fisheries Division estimates there are 25 transfers per year. This will generate \$6,250 in revenue.
- Additional revenues will be used to cover the travel and operations costs associated with permitting the ponds.
- The bill repeals the paddlefish roe program 87-4-601, MCA This program has not been utilized in the previous five years and will have no fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

	<u>FY 2026 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2028 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2029 Difference</u>
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
TOTAL Expenditures	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
Funding of Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
TOTAL Funding of Expenditures	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
TOTAL Revenues	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130	\$72,130
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures)				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

 6/8/25
 Sponsor's Initials Date

 12/31/2024
 Budget Director's Initials Date