

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	HB0897.01: Ge areas	enerally revise laws	related to shed	hunting on wildl	ife management
Primary Sponsor:	Jill Cohenour		Status:	As Introduced	
☐ Included in the Exc	ecutive Budget	☑ Needs to be included	in HB 2	☐ Significant Local G	ov Impact
☐ Significant Long-Term Impacts		☑ Technical Concerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	
		FISCAL SU	MMARY		
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures State Special Reve	enue (02)	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
Revenues State Special Reve	enue (02)	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
Net Impact General Fund Ba	lance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Description of fiscal impact

HB 897establishing a nonresident wildlife management area shed hunting license. A Class F nonresident license would cost \$50. The increase in license revenue is estimated at \$14,800 each fiscal year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

- 1. HB 897 creates a Class F, nonresident wildlife management area, shed hunting license that costs \$50.
- 2. HB 897, section 2, requires the Commission; to allow resident access to the wildlife management area, 7 days prior to nonresident access for shed hunting.
- 3. Based on prior year data, the average number of nonresident shed collectors is estimated at 5,920.
- 4. FWP assumes that roughly 5% of nonresidents will continue to shed hunt in Montana. (296 nonresident collectors with a \$50 license fee, FWP would estimate \$14,800 in revenue).

Fiscal Analysis Table

Department of Fish, Wildlife	e, and Parks			
	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 <u>Difference</u>
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Operating Expenses	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800

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TOTAL Expenditures	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
Funding of Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
TOTAL Funding of	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
Expenditures =				
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
TOTAL Revenues	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800	\$14,800
Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenu	e minus Funding of	f Expenditures)		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Concerns

Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

1. Not all FWP wildlife management areas have winter closures, so HB 897 will not affect all wildlife mnagement areas.

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Sponsor's Initials

Budget Director's Initials

3/31/2025

Date