

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF COMPENSATION TO PEOPLE WHO SUFFER DAMAGES BECAUSE OF GRAY WOLF DEPREDATION, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AND REDUCING APPROPRIATIONS.

Prime Sponsors: Sens. Roberts and Will
Reps. McCluskie and Catlin

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Appropriation Items of Note

Appropriation Already Added to Bill, No Amendment in Packet

General Fund Impact

Fiscal Impact of Bill as Amended to Date

The most recent Legislative Council Staff Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 04/20/23.

XXX	No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>new information or technical issues</i>
	Update: Fiscal impact has changed due to <i>amendment adopted</i> after LCS Fiscal Note was prepared
	Non-Concurrence: JBC Staff and Legislative Council Staff disagree about the fiscal impact of the bill

The House Agriculture, Water, & Natural Resources Committee Report (4/24/23) includes an amendment to the bill, however, LCS and JBC staff agree that the amendment does not have a fiscal impact.

Amendments in This Packet for Consideration by Appropriations Committee

Amendment	Description
None.	

Current Appropriations Clause in Bill

The bill includes an appropriation clause that provides \$175,000 cash funds from the Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for FY 2023-24. The bill also includes a clause that reduces a Long Bill appropriation to the Division of Parks and Wildlife in the Department of Natural Resources by \$175,000 General Fund.

Points to Consider*General Fund Impact*

This bill creates an ongoing obligation and requires a transfer of \$175,000 General Fund to the Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund in FY 2023-24, which is offset by a reduction of \$175,000 General Fund in the Long Bill. Beginning in FY 2024-25 and every year thereafter, the bill requires a transfer of \$350,000 General Fund to the Wolf Depredation Compensation Fund.