

**STATE  
FISCAL IMPACT**

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING BIG GAME HUNTING LICENSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAMS WHO HAVE SUSTAINED SEVERE COMBAT-RELATED INJURIES WHILE SERVING IN POST-SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2010-2011	FY 2011-2012
<b>State Revenue</b>		
Cash Funds		
Wildlife Cash Fund	Reduction	
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2010-2011:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill authorizes the Wildlife Commission in the Department of Natural Resources to reduce or eliminate fees on big game hunting licences, and to establish a big game hunting license preference for members of the armed services' wounded warrior programs. Wounded warriors who are residents of, or stationed in Colorado who have been severely injured and require years of intense, ongoing care or assistance, would be eligible for the program as part of their rehabilitation process.

**State Revenue**

The fiscal note assumes that the commission will reduce or eliminate big game hunting fees resulting in a reduction of cash fund revenue to the Wildlife Cash Fund. The amount of revenue reduction depends on the number of wounded warriors who participate in the program and whether fees are reduced or eliminated. For example, if fees are eliminated, there would be a revenue reduction of \$108 per wounded warrior to receive deer, pronghorn, and elk licenses. If 75 wounded warriors participated, revenue would be reduced by \$8,100. The Wildlife Cash Fund generates over \$110 million annually, so this amount does not represent a significant reduction in revenue.

**Departments Contacted**

Natural Resources                      Military Affairs