

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE1 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, CREATING THE WILDLIFE SPORTING LICENSE PLATE.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 02/22/12 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the House Transportation Committee 02/23/12)

The House Transportation Committee Report dated February 23, 2012 added a provision to the bill that the Department of Revenue shall not issue the license plate until the proponents comply with the requirement in Section 42-3-207 (2), C.R.S., that they have commitments for the purchase of 3,000 license plates. This amendment does not affect the fiscal impact of the bill.

JBC Staff Concurrence with Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

Concurs **Does Not Concur** **Updated Analysis**

Amendments/Appropriation Status

The bill requires but does not contain an appropriation clause. Staff has prepared amendment **J.001** (attached) to add a provision appropriating \$68,080 cash funds from the Colorado State Titling and Registration Account of the Highway Users Tax Fund to the Department of Revenue, Information Technology Division for FY 2012-13 to program the Department of Revenue and the Department of Natural Resource computer systems to implement the bill. The clause reappropriates these moneys to the Governor's Office of Information Technology to perform the work for the Department of Revenue. The clause adds a provision appropriating \$17,760 cash funds from the License Plate Cash Fund to the Department of Revenue, Division of Motor Vehicles for FY 2012-13 for purchase of these license plates from the Department of Corrections, Correctional Industries.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

Staff is not aware of any sponsor amendments to be offered.

Points to Consider

1. Because this bill requires changes to the computer systems of both the Department of Revenue and the Department of Natural Resources, the programming costs of this bill are considerably more expensive than the usual amount for a license plate bill. These bills normally require programming costs of \$2,960 cash funds.
2. The bill provides that the additional moneys generated by the license plate fees to the Wildlife Cash Fund will provide grants to create and enhance shooting ranges throughout Colorado and grants to local and county governments, parks and recreation departments, water districts, angling organizations, and others for projects to improve fishing opportunities in Colorado.
3. The Division of Wildlife has spending authority in FY 2011-12 of \$56.6 million from the Wildlife Cash Fund. This bill will add \$30,000 to the fund balance of the Wildlife Cash Fund by the end of FY 2012-13. It is assumed that the Department of Natural Resources will request spending authority for the additional moneys in the Wildlife Cash Fund through the annual appropriation process.