

**JBC STAFF FISCAL ANALYSIS
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A HEARING PROCESS TO END A SUSPENSION OF PRIVILEGES TO ATTEMPT TO TAKE WILDLIFE.

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Summary of Amendments Made to the Bill After the 4/16/2012 Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note Was Prepared (Amended by the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee 4/18/2012)

The Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee Report changed the allowable petition process from once every twelve months to once every five years; increased the years of suspension to half of a suspension of at least ten years (from two years) before a person can petition the Parks and Wildlife Board (Board); limited to three the number of times a person may petition the Board, allowing the Board to deny a fourth petition without a hearing; allowed the Board to consider whether a person has been convicted of or pled nolo contendere to any misdemeanor or felony in determining whether to end a suspension; extended the time the commission has to hold a hearing after receiving a petition from sixty to one hundred twenty days; specified that the Board is not required to meet more frequently than quarterly in order to review license suspension petitions; and added a repeal of the license review program on July 1, 2017, but not before reviewing the program and making recommendations to the General Assembly by October 1, 2016, on whether to continue the license review process.

The above amendments changed the fiscal impact of the bill. Legislative Council Staff concurs with this assessment. The table below shows the updated expenditures under the bill. The Department estimates that 149 petitions will be submitted in FY 2012-13. At 3 hours per petition, this will result in 447 hours of additional staff time. The Department states that it will hire contract employees to help with the workload at \$25/hour. In FY 2013-14, the Department estimates 30 petitions being submitted.

Table 1. Updated Expenditures Under HB12-1330		
Cost Components	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14
Personal Services (contract employees)	\$11,175	\$2,250
FTE	0.0	0.0
Legal Services (40 * \$75.71 per hour)	3,028	0
Board Expenses (2 days * \$4,458 per day)	8,916	0
Travel and Per Diem	300	0
TOTAL	\$23,419	\$2,250

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 \$23,419 cash funds (Wildlife Cash Fund) to the Department of Natural Resources and appropriating \$3,028 reappropriated funds to the Department of Law.

Bill Sponsor Amendments

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

Points to Consider

None.