

SENATE BILL 13

Introduced by Bianchi, et al.

12/27	Introduced
12/28	Referred to Fish & Game
12/28	Fiscal Note Requested
1/07	First Reading
1/07	Fiscal Note Received
1/08	Fiscal Note Printed
1/17	Hearing
1/25	Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended
1/28	2nd Reading Passed
1/29	3rd Reading Passed
	Transmitted to House
1/30	First Reading
1/30	Referred to Fish & Game
3/11	Hearing
3/13	Tabled in Committee

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE
5 TERMINATION OF THE WILDLIFE HABITAT ACQUISITION PROGRAM; AND
6 AMENDING SECTION 12, CHAPTER 598, LAWS OF 1987."

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12 to allocate revenue from increased hunting license fees to
13 fund the protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat has
14 proved to be an effective and valuable tool in maintaining
15 the quality of wildlife habitat in Montana; and

16 WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the people and the
17 wildlife of the State of Montana to continue the wildlife
18 habitat acquisition program on a permanent basis.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

21 **Section 1.** Section 12, Chapter 598, Laws of 1987, is
22 amended to read:

23 "Section 12. Effective date ~~---~~termination~~--~~date. This
24 act is effective March 1, 1988~~7~~-and-terminates-March-1~~7~~
25 1994."

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INTRODUCED BILL
SB 13

STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB0013, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This bill removes the March 1, 1994, Wildlife Habitat Acquisition Program termination date and makes the program permanent.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. Annually the Wildlife Habitat Acquisition Program (WHAP) receives approximately \$2.8 million in revenue from the following licenses.

<u>License</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>WHAP Share</u>	<u>Lic Sold</u>	<u>WHAP Revenue</u>
Nonresident Elk Combination	\$ 450	\$ 77	17,000	\$1,309,000
Nonresident Deer Comb.	200	200	6000	1,200,000
Nonresident Antelope	120	20	7,000	140,000
Nonresident Moose	320	20	25	500
Nonresident Goat	320	20	20	400
Nonresident Sheep	320	20	1,000	20,000
Nonresident Mountain Lion	320	20	100	2,000
Nonresident Black Bear	120	20	1,000	20,000
Nonresident Turkey	13	10	1,600	16,000
Resident Sportsman	45.50	7	17,000	<u>119,000</u>
Total				\$2,826,900


2. The \$2.8 million in WHAP revenue will continue to be allocated 80% to acquisition of wildlife lands and 20% to a trust, the interest from which is appropriated for management and maintenance of purchased lands (about 2% of the total program).

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impacts in FY92 or FY93 because the current sunset, which would be repealed, is March 1994.

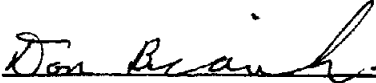
LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Continuing the WHAP will maintain the resident and nonresident hunting licenses at the current prices. The long-term fiscal projection of the agency includes \$1 million annually in its operating budget from the sale of the Nonresident Deer Combination License which would be used for WHAP under the proposed legislation. Administrative revenue of 2% is inadequate for long-term maintenance of wildlife habitat and development of acquired lands.


ROD SUNDSTED, BUDGET DIRECTOR

1-5-91
DATE

Office of Budget and Program Planning


DON BIANCHI, PRIMARY SPONSOR

1/8/91
DATE

Fiscal Note for SB0013, as introduced

SB 13

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