

HB 463 INTRODUCED BY COBB
MANAGEMENT OF SUN RIVER GAME PRESERVE AND OTHER
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

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| 1/26 | INTRODUCED | |
| 1/26 | REFERRED TO FISH & GAME | |
| 1/27 | FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED | |
| 2/02 | FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED | |
| 2/12 | HEARING | |
| 2/13 | COMMITTEE REPORT--BILL PASSED AS AMENDED | |
| 2/16 | 2ND READING PASSED | 67 30 |
| 2/16 | REREFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS | |
| 2/19 | HEARING | |
| 2/20 | HEARING | |
| 2/20 | TAKEN FROM COMMITTEE | 65 24 |
| 2/20 | 2ND READING PASSED | 77 12 |
| 2/21 | 3RD READING PASSED | 63 29 |
| | TRANSMITTED TO SENATE | |
| 2/23 | REFERRED TO FISH & GAME | |
| 3/19 | HEARING | |
| 3/20 | TABLED IN COMMITTEE | |

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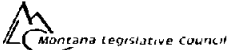
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-2- INTRODUCED BILL
HB-463

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB463, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This bill requires the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks to appoint a manager and two assistants for the Sun River Game Preserve, and the Sun River, Ear Mountain and Blackleaf Wildlife Management areas.

ASSUMPTIONS:

1. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks already has a manager and one assistant responsible for these areas. The department would have to hire one more assistant to comply with this bill.
2. We assume the intent of this bill is to have the manager and assistants live on the areas identified.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed expenditures reflect the additional cost for one Wildlife Management Assistant.

Expenditures:

| | <u>Current Law</u> | <u>Proposed Law</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>Current Law</u> | <u>Proposed Law</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Personal Services | \$2,645,178 | \$2,660,434 | \$ 15,256 | \$2,646,465 | \$2,661,721 | \$15,256 |
| Operating | 2,580,142 | 2,606,242 | 26,100 | 2,008,731 | 2,018,531 | 9,800 |
| Equipment | 0 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Benefits/Claims | 1,195,370 | 1,195,370 | 0 | 1,195,370 | 1,195,370 | 0 |
| TOTAL | \$6,420,690 | \$6,542,046 | \$121,356 | \$5,850,566 | \$5,875,622 | \$25,056 |

Funding:

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|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| License Account | \$2,467,189 | \$2,575,873 | \$108,684 | \$2,422,675 | \$2,447,059 | \$24,384 |
| Fed/Private Special | 3,421,873 | 3,421,873 | 0 | 3,421,891 | 3,421,891 | 0 |
| Equipment Proprietary | 531,628 | 544,300 | 12,672 | 6,000 | 6,672 | 672 |
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Revenues:

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|---------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Rental Income | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,672 | \$ 672 | \$ 6,000 | \$ 6,672 | \$ 672 |
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EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

N/A

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

After the first year the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks will incur an annual cost of \$25,000/year to comply with this proposed legislation.

David L. Hunter DATE 1/31/87

DAVID L. HUNTER, BUDGET DIRECTOR
Office of Budget and Program Planning

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JOHN COBB, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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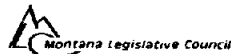
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