

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
<b>NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT</b>			
Anticipated Expenditure increase			
GAME & FISH FUND	\$1,675,000	\$1,675,000	\$1,675,000

Source of expenditure increase:

This bill allows landowners, lessees, and agents to make claims for extraordinary damage to rangeland beginning July 1, 2024, and this provision is effective until July 1, 2030. The expenditure increase from the GAME AND FISH FUND is due to increased payments for extraordinary damage to rangeland.

Assumptions:

The Game and Fish Department (Department) assumes that elk will utilize forage proportional to the amount of private land in a herd unit for six (6) months of the year. The Department assumes 74,425 total private land animal unit months (AUMs). Additionally, the Department assumes that landowners will file claims for fifty percent (50%) of total private land AUMs at a rate of \$45.00 per AUM (74,425 x 50% x \$45.00 = \$1,675,000, rounded).

The Department indicates that investigating damage claims and mitigating the damage will take up additional staff time, but the fiscal and personnel impacts associated with this work are indeterminable.

The expenditure increase reflected above could be considered an administrative cost. However, for simplicity and to follow consistent practice on legislation of this type, it is included on the fiscal note.