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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 198

SHORT TITLE: Las Vegas Endangered Species Hatchery

SPONSOR: Campos

LAST UPDATE: _____ **ORIGINAL DATE:** 2/5/26 **ANALYST:** Davidson

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$10,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to House Bill 2

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Department of Game and Fish

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 198

Senate Bill 198 (SB198) appropriates \$10 million from the general fund to The Department of Game and Fish for the purpose of designing, constructing, and planning an aquatic endangered species hatchery and rearing station facilities in Las Vegas.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$10 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Game and Fish (DGF) noted it may have difficulty implementing the entirety of the funding in the time allotted in the bill. DGF typically utilizes its internal fund balances to

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finance its capital outlay and other infrastructure-related projects, which also gives the agency more time to spend down the funds.

Additionally, there is \$2 million in House Bill 2 for aquatic endangered species and hatcheries, a potentially duplicative or additive appropriation related to the bill, as well as \$7.5 million in the LFC's capital outlay recommendation to be used for wildlife habitat restoration and management projects.

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