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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Lyons DATE TYPED: 02/28/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Regulations for Landlord Takings SB 527
 ANALYST: Dotson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts with HB 798
 Relates to HB 797

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Game and Fish Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 527 modifies regulations which provide for landowner takings of animals. The State Game Commission is provided with the authority to adopt a minimum number of interventions prior to implementing the killing provision. It also adds language that requires the landowner and department to establish a process for salvaging the game meat.

Significant Issues

According to Game and Fish Department, the new language would provide a mechanism for the landowner to implement interventions.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The new language of this bill would allow department interventions the opportunity to work before being rejected by landowners. It would allow interventions to be taken seriously and increase the overall performance of the department's depredation management program.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

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SB 527 requires the State Game Commission to formulate and adopt new regulations that set the minimum number of interventions. It would also require the Game and Fish Department and the landowner to establish a process for salvaging the meat.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Abuse could occur because “crop damage” is currently an undefine term.

According to the Game and Fish Department, some landowners demand additional licenses and threaten if the additional licenses were not awarded, game would be killed using the existing law. The proposed amendment would alleviate this type of situation and better address animal damage issues.

The Game and Fish Department suggests the following:

Page 3, line 2 insert:

...for good cause **and in writing** the interventions offered...

Page 3, line 4 insert:

... to demonstrate **in writing** that the property depredation is...

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Is pasture considered a crop?
2. Is BLM leased pasture considered a crop?

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