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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/08/11

SPONSOR Sharer LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Two More Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Permits SB 338

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REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12	FY13		
	\$200.0-\$250.0	\$200.0-\$250.0	Recurring	Big Game Enhancement Licensing Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 338 creates two additional bighorn sheep enhancement permits (one for auction and one for raffle) for generation of revenue for bighorn sheep preservation, restoration and management. The bill also designates that two of the permits be used for taking Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and two used for desert bighorn sheep.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The DGF states that Senate Bill 338 would provide an approximate initial annual revenue increase of \$200-250K (~ \$150-200k for auction and ~\$50K for raffle) through the creation of the additional permits. Those values are used in the Revenue Table above. The DGF notes further that the annual value of the auction and raffle permit would vary dependent upon demand and may decrease over time. The estimated revenue increase is within the range of the previous auction and raffle proceeds to date.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The DGF comments that given the relatively few Bighorn Sheep hunting opportunities currently available in the State, some sportsmen may have concerns that too many of these opportunities

are being made available to only the wealthy hunter.

According to the DGF, it would need to create a Request for Proposals for the sale and raffle of the additional permits.

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