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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Begay DATE TYPED: 2/10/03 HB 240

SHORT TITLE: Personal Income Surtax for Wildlife Programs SB _____

ANALYST: Neel

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04			
	(\$0.1) See Narrative	(\$0.1) See Narrative	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

Responses Received From

No response from: Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)
Department of Game and Fish (DGF)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 240 creates a new section of the Tax Administration Act that distributes a portion of the State's personal income tax receipts to a newly created fund in the State Treasury. The bill would create a new tax assessment in addition to existing taxes in the amount of two dollars (\$2.00) for each federal exemption allowable for federal income tax purposes for each individual included in the return, or twelve dollars (\$12.00), whichever is less. This surtax would be referred to as the *Wildlife Conservation Surtax*. The revenue generated would be deposited into the newly created *Wildlife Conservation Fund*. Beginning with fiscal year 2005, the legislature would be able to appropriate money in this fund for use by the Department of Game and Fish. The bill lists allowed uses of the funds. The major uses are to fund the operations of the Conservation Services Division, the Wildlife Conservation Act and to acquire, lease, develop, land for wildlife habitat.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DGF estimated that the proposed surcharge would generate approximately \$3.48 million per fiscal year. This calculation assumes a state population of 1,800,000 with approximately 4% of the population occurring in households with more than 6 federal tax exemptions.

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