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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Griego DATE TYPED: 02/06/02 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Elk Population Survey SB 255

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$700.0			Recurring	Game Protection Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files
Department of Game and Fish

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 255 appropriates \$700.0 from the Game Protection Fund to the Department of Game and Fish for the purpose of surveying the state's elk populations.

Significant Issues

The Department of Game and Fish conducts elk surveys every year of different game management units throughout the state. The goal is to survey every management unit once every three years. According to the department, it uses contract helicopters for eight weeks to complete this task. The appropriation would augment the current level of funding of approximately \$500.0 for this purpose.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$700.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the game protection fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY03 shall revert to the game protection fund.

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