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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/12

SPONSOR Sharer LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Additional Bighorn Sheep Enhancement Permits SB 33

ANALYST van Moorsel

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	None		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13	FY14		
	\$250.0-\$350.0		Recurring	Big Game Enhancement 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 33 amends current law to create two additional bighorn sheep enhancement permits for bighorn rams, for a total of four. The bill would require that one of the additional permits be subject to auction, and one be subject to a lottery.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Based on the revenue generated by previous auctions and raffles, the DGF estimates that the additional bighorn ram permits would generate approximately \$250,000 to \$350,000 for the big game enhancement fund. The DGF estimates that the auction would generate \$200,000 to

\$300,000, while the raffle would generate \$50,000, adding that the actual revenue would depend on demand hunter demand for the permits.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The DGF reports that it would need to issue a request for proposals for the sale and raffle of the additional permits.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The DGF would continue to contract with incorporated nonprofit organizations for the auction and raffle of two bighorn sheep permits (instead of four) each year. The potential increased revenue would not be available for bighorn sheep preservation, restoration and management.

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