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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 2/5/2025

Bill No: HB 208

**Agency Name
and Code
Number:**

Department of Game and Fish
51600

Sponsor: Rebecca Dow

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Title:**

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22		
0	0	NA	none

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22	FY23		

0	0	0	NA	none

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Staff time for at least one programmer, SQA specialist and Licensing Operations Manager to plan, program, and test changes to web-based software applications and build interface. It's difficult to quantify how long this would take.				recurring	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: The bill allows for a qualified elector applying for hunting and fishing license to register to vote through the Department of Game and Fish.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal implications of the proposed legislation would largely depend on how it is implemented. All Department of Game & Fish licensing applications, which include both draw applications and all license sales at all vendor locations and Department offices, use custom built web-based software. Significant software programming and testing would be necessary if the Department were required to allow voter registration through its licensing systems. The Department would also have to build some sort of interface to convey this information to the Secretary of State.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department exclusively uses custom built software applications to sell licenses and allow draw applications, potentially significant changes would need to be made to ensure appropriate

data collection and data transfer to the Secretary of State. It may also be challenging to train independent license vendors on how to register voters.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None known

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None known

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None known

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Department will need a better understanding of what information must be collected to register a voter and how the information is to be conveyed to the Secretary of State.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None known

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The Department of Game and Fish will not register voters buying hunting or fishing licenses.

AMENDMENTS

None