

# SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 1026

**PRINTER'S NO.** 1836

**AMOUNT**

No cost to the Commonwealth

**FUND**

Game

**DATE INTRODUCED**

July 10, 2009

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Kasunic

**HISTORY OF BILL**

Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, July 10, 2009

Reported as amended, Jan. 26, 2010

First consideration, Jan. 26, 2010

Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 9, 2010

Re-reported as amended, April 12, 2010

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate Bill 1026 amends Title 34 (Game) and provides that the Game Commission transfer one bull elk tag annually to a newly created, "Elk Tag Conservation Advisory Committee." The new committee will be chaired by the Governor's appointee to the committee. Other members of the committee will include appointees of the majority and minority chairs of the Game and Fisheries Committee of the Senate as well as appointees of the majority and minority chairs of the Game and Fisheries Committee of the House of Representatives. The Committee will issue a request for proposals (RFPs), establish evaluation criteria and award the elk tag for auction to the selected organization. The Game Commission will be required to issue public notice of the request for proposal by any one of five specified methods, establish a distribution process for copies of the RFPs to interested parties, establish requirements for the elk tag's auction by the winning organization, and other various duties to assist the Committee in the performance of its duties. The winning organization will retain no more than 20% of the auction proceeds with the remainder being remitted to the Game Commission for the operations of the elk program.

The bill will take effect in 60 days.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Game Commission has indicated that no additional costs will be incurred by the duties specified in the bill. Committee members will serve without compensation. Also, the bill's provisions will not alter the amount of revenue received through the auction of the elk tag. Annual revenue will continue to be received by the Game Commission, equal to 80% of the auction proceeds. In FY 2008-09, revenue received from the selected organization's elk tag auction proceeds equaled almost \$23,000.