

JBC Staff Fiscal Analysis
Senate Appropriations Committee

Concerning the prevention of illegal wildlife trafficking.

Prime Sponsors:

Senators Bright; Roberts
Representatives Armagost; Espenosa

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Fiscal Impacts

Appropriation Not Required, No Amendment in Packet

Significant Appropriation Increase in Second Year

Fiscal Note Status

The most recent Legislative Council Staff First Revised Fiscal Note (attached) reflects the fiscal impact of the bill as of 03/17/25.

No Change: Attached LCS Fiscal Note accurately reflects the fiscal impact of the bill.

Amendments in This Packet

None.

Points to Consider

Future Fiscal Impact

Although this bill would not require a General Fund appropriation for FY 2025-26, it is projected to require General Fund appropriations of \$24,765 in FY 2027-28 and \$38,653 in FY 2028-29 for the Department of Corrections to accommodate for a potentially higher number of offenders.

Additionally, this bill includes cash fund expenditures that increase by \$1.7 million and 9.0 FTE for FY 2025-26 and by \$1.8 million and 9.0 FTE for FY 2026-27, paid from the Wildlife Cash Fund. The Wildlife Cash Fund operates within a TABOR-exempt enterprise (the Division of Parks and Wildlife), and is projected to be able to absorb the increased expenditures without a fee or revenue increase.