

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: April 6, 2010
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 904
AUTHOR: D. Hollingsworth

BILL SUMMARY: Hunting: Commercial Hunting Clubs

Existing law requires that a person in possession or control of property, to which a fee for the privilege of taking birds or mammals is imposed or collected, submit an application and a pay an annual fee to obtain a Commercial Hunting Club License from the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). This bill would alter the fee categories for individuals with more than 11 properties and would lower their fee to \$1,000.

FISCAL SUMMARY

The decrease in the fee for this particular fee category would likely result in a loss of revenue for DFG. There are an estimated 10 to 20 clubs in California that would be impacted by the change, resulting in a \$10,000 to \$20,000 reduction in annual revenue to the Fish and Game Preservation Fund.

COMMENTS

This bill would have a minor fiscal impact and concerns a policy matter on which we are neutral.

The bill contains the following fee categories for individuals obtaining a Commercial Hunting Club License:

- The fee for one property shall be \$200.
- The fee for two to five properties shall be \$500.
- The fee for six or more properties shall be \$1,000.

DFG states that it is difficult to estimate the loss of revenue because of the number of clubs that have never purchased a Commercial Hunting Club License. DFG currently estimates that about 1,000 parcels of property have not purchased a Commercial Hunting Club License yet impose or a collect a fee for hunting purposes.

These revenues are used to fund the enforcement of the license, as well as the monitoring of the Commercial Hunting Club, including the type of game hunted and the size and location of the club. We note that there exists a possibility that more Commercial Hunt Clubs might apply for the license if the fee is reduced as this bill provides.

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Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							Fund Code
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	
1215/Fish GameLic	RV	No		--	P	-\$10 - -20	P	-\$10 - -20	0200
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0200	Fish and Game Preservation Fund								