

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: June 30, 2011
POSITION: Neutral

BILL NUMBER: SB 752
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BILL SUMMARY: Fish and Game Licenses: Voluntary Donations

Existing law authorizes specified persons to obtain tags or stamps for the taking of specific animals or aquatic species from the Department of Fish and Game (DFG).

This bill would: (1) require DFG to offer the opportunity to release contact information to eligible nonprofit conservation organizations through a check-off box at the time of issuance of any license, permit, reservation, tag, or other entitlement pursuant to the Automated License Data System (ALDS), (2) require DFG to annually transmit contact information to the designated nonprofit conservation organization, (3) prohibit a nonprofit conservation organization that receives contact information from sharing that information with any 3rd party, and (4) authorize DFG to impose a charge on a nonprofit conservation organization included in the check-off box to reimburse its direct administrative costs.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Updating the ALDS to allow the solicitation of information would require a change request to be submitted to Active Network, which administers the ALDS contract. Since the proposed change is not within the scope of the current contract, there would be a total one-time cost of approximately \$39,000 to \$57,000, Fish and Game Preservations Fund (FGPF) based on the complexity of the actual change request.

The DFG estimates annual expenditures of \$19,000 to \$22,000 FGPF for internal staff and contract costs associated with the on-going design, development, testing and implementation of any ALDS changes, and the review of nonprofit conservation organizations applicants. To the extent that nonprofit conservation organizations participate, there would be no additional costs to the department as it could charge a fee to cover these additional administrative costs.

COMMENTS

The Department of Finance is neutral on the bill.

The ALDS replaced the prior paper-based licensing, accounting, and management functions associated with the sale of recreational licenses. The system electronically links point-of-sale terminals at DFG sales offices and approximately 1,500 retail license agent locations throughout the state and in bordering states. The ALDS allows DFG to meet federal and state data collection and reporting mandates that were not previously feasible. The implementation of ALDS began in October 2010 and the complete transition to the new system will not be until late 2012 when the final components of ALDS are delivered in August 2012.

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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	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	
3600/Dept FishGam	SO	No		-----	See Fiscal Summary	-----			0200
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0200	Fish and Game Preservation Fund								