BDR 45-743
SB 312

EXECUTIVE AGENCY

FISCAL NOTE

AGENCY'S ESTIMATES

Date Prepared: March 23, 2023

Agency Submitting: Department of Wildlife

Items of Revenue or Expense, or Both	Fiscal Year 2022-23	Fiscal Year 2023-24	Fiscal Year 2024-25	Effect on Future Biennia
Total	0	0	0	0

Explanation (Use Additional Sheets of Attachments, if required)

The Department has reviewed BDR 45-743 and has determined that there would be a fiscal impact; however, the amount cannot be determined at this time. According to the bill language, an investigation would be necessary to determine the cause of death. Game Wardens do not currently investigate mortality deaths unless it is suspicious/possibly unlawful. Big game death investigations can take a long time, and may require travel time to get to the location of the death. Our wildlife health section may also need to get involved if a necropsy was needed to determine cause of death. This could impact staff time as well as testing costs. The Department may be staffing and storage capacity limited. This could impact normal work duties, potentially causing overtime. Lastly, the review and approval of a request could add time onto an employee's normal duties. The Department is unable to determine an exact cost at this time since we are not sure how many investigations or requests would be needed.

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Date Monday, March 20, 2023

The agency's response appears reasonable.

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