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HF 750 - Deer Harvest (LSB 2270 HV.1)

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Fiscal Note Version - Revised

Description

House File 750 makes the following changes related to deer hunting:

- Specifies 6,000 non-resident hunters that purchase an any sex deer license must purchase an additional antlerless deer license for \$100.
- Specifies all resident and non-resident hunters pay a \$1.00 fee for the Help Us Stop Hunger (HUSH) Program.
- Requires the Natural Resource Commission to establish a deer harvest reporting system.
- Specifies the Natural Resource Commission to establish special deer hunts in counties where antlerless deer licenses remain available for issuance. This allows a resident hunter to purchase up to three licenses prior to December 15, and after December 15, a resident or non-resident can purchase an unlimited number of antlerless deer licenses. The resident fee is \$10.00.

Background

The number of deer and vehicle collision accidents has increased in Iowa. During 2004, there were 18,000 accidents in Iowa with at an estimated cost of \$60.0 million to insurance companies. During the same time period, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sold 28,000 additional deer licenses (23,000 antlerless deer) and reported that 2,000 deer were donated to the HUSH Program. The HUSH Program allows hunters to donate harvested deer to designated food lockers where the meat is processed and then donated to the Iowa Food Bank.

Assumptions

1. It is estimated that 340,000 residents and 15,000 non-residents will purchase licenses and pay the \$1.00 HUSH Program fee for total revenue of \$355,000.
2. It is estimated that 6,000 non-resident hunters will pay the additional \$100 to purchase an antlerless deer license for revenue of \$600,000.
3. It is estimated the expenditures for hunters reporting harvested deer is \$640,000 per year.
4. The number of special deer hunt licenses sold is unknown.

Correctional Impact

The correctional impact of HF 750 is expected to be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of HF 750 is an increase in revenue of \$955,000 with \$355,000 for the HUSH Program and an increase in expenditures of \$640,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund. The net impact is an increase of \$315,000 for the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund for FY 2006 and each following fiscal year.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources
Department of Human Rights, Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Division

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.
