



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 570** HLS 23RS 178  
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Department of Wildlife and Fisheries		<b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge
<b>Subject:</b> Bounty for hog tails		

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES OR +\$2,027,716 SD EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Establishes a monetary reward for feral hog tails

Proposed law allows the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to offer a bounty of \$5 per feral hog tail to licensed hunters within the state.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>2027-28</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$2,027,716	\$2,027,716	\$2,027,716	\$2,027,716	\$2,027,716	\$10,138,580
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$2,027,716</b>	<b>\$2,027,716</b>	<b>\$2,027,716</b>	<b>\$2,027,716</b>	<b>\$2,027,716</b>	<b>\$10,138,580</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an increase of approximately \$2 M Statutory Dedication expenditures out of the Conservation Fund to administer and provide a \$5 bounty for feral hog tails.

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) indicates it would need to contract an outside vendor to administer the program. Using the three year average costs to administer the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, the department anticipates the administrative costs for this program will be approximately \$257,719 annually. To administer the program a contracted vendor would be responsible for the following tasks, as well as any other tasks deemed necessary by the department: registering participants, establishing collection stations, verifying the number of tails each person collects, processing receipts, processing disposals, accounting and payments, maintaining records of participants and the number and location of harvests, producing monthly and final reports regarding the distribution of the harvest, total participants, and amount paid to participants.

Costs will ultimately depend on the number of feral hogs returned for a bounty annually. The department estimates 354,000 feral hogs will be harvested annually, based on the 5-year average harvest rate of feral hogs. At \$5 per tail, the total bounty costs are estimated to be \$1,770,000. Combined with the administration costs, the total costs of the program are approximately \$2,027,716.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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