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Measure Description:

Directs State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish anti-poaching awareness program.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Justice

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Natural Resources to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation directs the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to create an anti-poaching awareness program. A blank General Fund appropriation is provided to ODFW for the 2019-21 biennium for the anti-poaching awareness program. Makes certain violations of wildlife laws Class A and Class C felonies. Permits the use of drones for use in the prevention or detection of poaching. Requires the Attorney General to make one or more employees of the Department of Justice available to a local government to assist the local government with prosecuting violations of the wildlife laws related to poaching.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required