

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2023 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2023 BR NUMBER 1382

SENATE BILL NUMBER 241/GA

TITLE AN ACT relating to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

SPONSOR Senator Robin Webb

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Fish and Wildlife Resources

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED Fish and Game Fund

| FISCAL ESTIMATES | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | |
| EXPENDITURES | Indeterminable | Indeterminable | Indeterminable |
| NET EFFECT | (Indeterminable) | (Indeterminable) | (Indeterminable) |

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The measure transfers the authority to make the conservation easement acquisitions required under 2022 Regular Session Senate Bill 217 from the Finance and Administration Cabinet (FAC) to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (DFWR). It provides carryforward authority for previously appropriated General Fund moneys for the Kentucky Cumberland Forest Conservation Program. It adds the DFWR to the definition of a procuring agency, removes any provision of KRS Chapter 45A that requires the approval of any FAC official for any aspect of the procurement process, and requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to examine policies and procedures. It establishes an engineering and engineering related services selection committee and outlines procurement procedures for engineering related services to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. It gives the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission approval authority over the DFWR contracts.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The DFWR has stated they will need to procure outside legal counsel who has real property acquisition experience for the conservation easement acquisitions. The estimated cost of this procurement is unknown. The DFWR will also need to hire at least one additional procurement officer at an estimated \$105,000 annually for salary and fringe benefits.

DATA SOURCE(S): Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, LRC Staff

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