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[SF 2326](#) – Pelican Study, Department of Natural Resources (LSB6061SV)  
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**Description**

[Senate File 2326](#) requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to conduct a one-year study on pelican predation on fish and other aquatic wildlife that reside in the waters of the State. The Bill requires the DNR to appoint three members of the public to assist and guide the study. The Bill also requires the DNR to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and local, state, and federal elected representatives.

The Bill requires that the DNR submit a report and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

**Background**

The [Iowa Wildlife Action Plan](#), which was created in 2006 and updated in 2015, is a comprehensive 25-year strategy for the conservation of all wildlife in Iowa. The American White Pelican is listed in the plan as a species of Greatest Conservation Need in Iowa, and as Apparently Secure in Nation on the national ranking. The State has one breeding colony along the Mississippi River in Clinton County.

**Assumption**

The cost of the study will be similar to past studies conducted by the DNR, and the DNR will enter into a contract with one of the State universities to complete the study.

**Fiscal Impact**

The DNR estimates the cost of completing this study to be \$125,000, which will be funded from the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund.

**Sources**

Legislative Services Agency  
Department of Natural Resources

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The fiscal note for this Bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.

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