

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2138 - SB 2068

February 29, 2024

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes that it is not an offense for a person to disturb the habitat of, alter, take, or attempt to take a wolf. Prohibits any state funds or resources from being used to enforce any prohibition against the disturbance of such habitats or such actions against a wolf. Specifies that this act does not prohibit the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) from using state funds or other resources to assist landowners in acquiring federal depredation permits for wolves.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-4-115, a landowner may destroy any wild animal, wild bird, or wild fowl when such animal is destroying such owner's property.
- A permit is required to be obtained from the TWRA before taking any big game which is limited to deer, elk, bear, and turkey.
- There is no current permit required to take a wolf in Tennessee.
- This legislation will not significantly impact the current operations of the TWRA.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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