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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7339

BILL NUMBER: SB 295

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 4, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Hoosier Stop Hunger Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lanane

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Hoosier Stop Hunger Fund. It allows a person to make a \$1 donation to the fund when purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license. The bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to use the money in the fund for (1) assisting nonprofit organizations with the cost of processing donated deer; and (2) promotion to encourage hunters to donate deer for needy individuals.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DNR should be able to cover any additional administrative expenses required to implement the provisions of the bill given its existing level of resources. The Hoosier Stop Hunger Fund is to be used for assisting nonprofit organizations with the cost of processing donated deer and the promotion of the program to donate deer for the needy. The cost to process a deer is approximately \$70. The amount of money that will be spent on promoting the program will depend on actions of the DNR.

Explanation of State Revenues: From January through November 28, 2006, the DNR sold 862,584 licenses. If each license purchaser donated \$1, \$862,584 would be donated to the fund. The specific impact, however, is indeterminable and will depend on the number of persons who elect to donate.

The DNR administers the fund. The fund consists of deposits of the donations: money appropriated or otherwise designated or dedicated by the General Assembly; and gifts, grants, and bequests. The Treasurer of State must invest the money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as the Treasurer may invest other public funds. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR; State Treasurer.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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