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sSB-456

AN ACT CONCERNING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR WILDLIFE
REHABILITATION FACILITIES IN THE STATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Cost	581,304	81,304
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	34,001	34,001

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost to the state of \$615,305 in FY 27 and \$115,305 in FY 28, associated with establishing a grant program for certain nonprofit wildlife rehabilitation organizations.

In order to facilitate the program, set criteria for grants, and adopt implementing regulations, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will require one Environmental Analyst 2 with an annual salary of \$81,304 and corresponding fringe benefits of \$34,001.

Additionally, the bill appropriates \$500,000 to DEEP in FY 27 for purposes of this program. The bill also allows DEEP to accept any funds or donations for purposes of issuing grants to qualifying organizations.

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

Spending Cap

sHB 5032, the FY 27 Revised Budget as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, is under the spending cap by \$16.1 million in FY 27. The appropriation contained within the bill would result in the budget being under the spending cap by \$15.6 million in FY 27.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.