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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0575	Introduced on February 27, 2019
Author:	Campsen	
Subject:	Hunting and Taking of Wild Turkey	
Requestor:	Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gallagher	
Impact Date:	March 13, 2019 Updated for Additional Agency Response	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase Other Funds revenue by \$603,850 to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), through the issuance of a fee for wild turkey transportation tags. This revenue will be used for specific wild turkey research and conservation purposes. The fiscal impact of this bill has been updated following a response from DNR.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill establishes a fee for wild turkey transportation tags, amends the season for hunting male wild turkey, and decreases the bag limit for male wild turkeys. The bill further states that it is unlawful to take a female wild turkey, changes regulations regarding Youth Turkey Day, and requires fees collected for wild turkey transportation tags to be used for specific research and conservation purposes. DNR indicates it can manage any administrative costs associated with enacting this bill within existing resources and current appropriations. The expenditure impact of this bill has been updated, following a response from DNR.

State Revenue

This bill establishes a fee for wild turkey transportation tags, and requires that any fees collected for these tags be used for specific wild turkey research and conservation purposes. The fee is \$10 per tag for residents, and \$50 per tag for nonresidents. Youth under 16, lifetime licensees, and gratis licensees are exempt from paying the fee. The department estimates this fee would result in a recurring Other Funds revenue increase of \$603,850 based upon an estimated 33,535 resident and 5,370 nonresident annual tag requests. These funds will be deposited into the Fish & Wildlife Protection Fund Turkey account. The revenue impact of this bill has been updated, following a response from DNR.

Local Expenditure

N/A

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