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Bill Number: H. 4047 Introduced on February 28, 2023

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Subject: Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Species

Requestor: House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs

the analysis is on governmental expenditure and revenue impacts and may not provide a comprehensive summary of the legislation.

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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill prohibits the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from releasing certain site-specific information regarding the occurrence of federal or state-listed rare, threatened, species in need of management, endangered, or otherwise imperiled plant and animal species on public or private property.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on DNR since any expenses to respond to inquiries from private property owners can be managed within existing appropriations and with existing staff.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 28, 2023 State Expenditure

This bill prohibits DNR from releasing certain site-specific information regarding the occurrence of federal or state listed rare, threatened, species in need of management, endangered, or otherwise imperiled plant and animal species on public or private property. Exceptions include records related to scientific, conservation, or educational purposes. Further, the owner of private property must be entitled to these records upon request to DNR.

DNR indicates that any expenses to respond to inquiries from private property owners can be managed within existing appropriations and with existing staff. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DNR.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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