

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1453 - SB 1309

March 4, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, authorizes a person who resides on a property that adjoins a bear habitat community to take, kill, attempt to kill, or harm a bear that enters onto the person's property if the bear acted in a manner that caused:

- The person to have a reasonable belief that the bear's action placed the person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury;
- The person to believe the danger creating the threat of imminent death or serious bodily injury is real, or is honestly believed to be real at the time; and
- The belief of danger to be founded upon reasonable grounds.

Prohibits such person from taking, killing, attempting to kill, or harming a bear in the aforementioned circumstances until:

- The person has submitted a written request to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to have the bear removed from the area due to the threat it presents to persons and until the same or another bear enters the property before the TWRA can remove it; or
- The TWRA does not respond to the person's written request within 10 days after the date the agency receives such request.

FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This legislation will have no significant impact on TWRA's current operations.
- Any increase in workload to the agency related to written requests to remove a bear can be accommodated with existing staff and resources.
- This legislation is estimated to have no significant impact on state or local government.

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CERTIFICATION:

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

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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