

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Craig Estes, Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture & Rural Affairs

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1582** by Harris (Relating to the criminal penalty for capturing, transporting, or transplanting white-tailed or mule deer without a permit.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Parks and Wildlife Code to create a state jail felony for intentionally capturing, transporting, or transplanting a white-tailed, or mule deer without obtaining the required permits, or by intentionally violating one or more terms of the permit. Increasing the penalty for intentionally capturing, transporting, or transplanting a deer from a Class B Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor to a state jail felony will increase the fine revenue per violation; however, the number of violations would be expected to decline. To the extent the bill would reclassify offenses with corresponding fine revenue per violation, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 802 Parks and Wildlife Department

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