

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1743
Version:	CS
Request Number:	
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Impact:	Maximum of \$2500 in fine revenue

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to Senate Bill 1743 establishes a fine of between \$500 and \$1,000 or imprisonment in the county jail for up to a year for any person convicted of any wildlife offense related to antelope, moose, whitetail or mule deer, bear, elk, mountain lion, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, wild turkey, or any subspecies or any endangered or threatened species or subspecies when the person was using a suppressed firearm during the offense. The fine also will apply to the unlawful possession, taking or killing of the wildlife from an unlawful hunt, chase, trap, capture, shooting, killing or slaughter when the person was using a suppressed firearm during the offense. The court may also order that the person's hunting and fishing license be revoked for between one and five years. Cost to reinstate resident hunting or fishing licenses will be \$200 and the cost will be \$500 for nonresident licenses in addition to any other fees required for the licenses.

The measure allows people hunting on their own property and any guest of the landowner or person with permission from the landowner to use a suppressor when hunting on the landowner's land.

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Fiscal Analysis

The committee substitute for SB 1743 adds penalties for persons violating certain provisions of the Wildlife Code. Officials at the Wildlife Department state that they anticipate, at maximum, \$2,500 in fine revenue annually.

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Other Considerations

None