

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 55th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 1142
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	9183
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Impact:	Dept. of Wildlife: loss of citation and license revenue: an estimated minimum of \$3.7 million annually.

Research Analysis

SB 1142 prohibits a game warden for investigating a firearm discharge on private property.

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Fiscal Analysis

Upon review of the ENGR version of SB 1142, along with consultation with the OK Dept. of Wildlife, the bill is determined to have a negative fiscal impact on the non-appropriated agency's citation (~\$158,632.00 revenue loss) and license (~\$3.7 million loss) revenue streams.

It is estimated that a small percentage of all citations for fishing violations are written on private land (10%). It is estimated that a larger percentage of all hunting violations are cited on private land (60%-80%). Therefore, if no wardens are allowed to enter private property and cite violators on private land, this can negatively impact the amount of citations, which generate revenue for the agency. The total fine revenue for hunting violations in 2015 was \$264,386.00. If one assumes that 60% of that is from private land citations, there is a \$158,632.00 estimated loss of revenue per year.

License revenue contributes 45% of the Dept. of Wildlife's overall budget. In 2015, this amount totaled to \$7,561,496.00 (excluding lifetime licenses). If licenses cannot be checked by a warden on private land, there is an estimated 25% loss of revenue, which, using 2015 data, would equal at least \$3.7 million in lost revenue to the agency.

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Other Considerations

None.