

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2017

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1569-1571 on the Senate Journal and pages 1773-1775 of the House Journal and that Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2017 be amended as follows:

Page 1, remove lines 13 through 24

Page 2, replace lines 1 through 3 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$33,741,592	\$2,746,155	\$36,487,747
Operating expenses	16,276,782	1,543,716	17,820,498
Capital assets	6,774,770	1,773,891	8,548,661
Grants - game and fish	8,923,343	1,166,633	10,089,976
Land habitat and deer depredation	17,995,597	9,212,172	27,207,769
Noxious weed control	725,000	0	725,000
Missouri River enforcement	296,999	16,342	313,341
Grants, gifts, and donations	670,133	6,853	676,986
Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	0	100,000
Lonetree reservoir	1,818,409	334,235	2,152,644
Wildlife services	500,000	0	500,000
Shooting sports grant program	250,000	0	250,000
Aquatic nuisance species program	<u>1,509,009</u>	<u>1,229,835</u>	<u>2,738,844</u>
Total special funds	\$89,581,634	\$18,029,832	\$107,611,466
Full-time equivalent positions	164.00	6.00	170.00"

Page 2, replace lines 18 and 19 with:

"Uniforms and supplies for new FTE positions	<u>0</u>	<u>89,090</u>
Total special funds	\$2,786,500	\$3,424,090"

Page 3, line 2, replace "seven" with "four"

Page 3, line 4, replace "passage" with "enactment"

Page 3, line 4, after "Act" insert "and after corresponding federal funds have been made available to the state. The department shall regularly coordinate with and consider input from the federal environmental law impact review committee in the expenditure of funds for conservation or research under this section"

Page 3, after line 4 insert:

"SECTION 5. MIDTERM CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS. The game and fish department may spend up to \$2,777,778 from other funds in the land habitat and deer depredation line item in section 1 of this Act for national fish and wildlife foundation midterm conservation agreements with private landowners. The department shall limit the term of these agreements to a maximum of thirty years. The department shall provide buyback provisions after the fifteenth, twentieth, and twenty-fifth years of the agreement if the property owner desires to withdraw all or a portion of acreage from the lease."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2017 - Game and Fish Department - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$33,741,592	\$38,428,184	(\$1,940,437)	\$36,487,747	\$36,471,962	\$15,785
Operating expenses	16,276,782	17,820,498		17,820,498	17,713,364	107,134
Capital assets	6,774,770	8,548,661		8,548,661	8,530,661	18,000
Grants - Game and fish	8,923,343	10,089,976		10,089,976	10,089,976	
Land habitat and deer depredation	17,995,597	26,922,303	285,466	27,207,769	25,482,021	1,725,748
Noxious weed control	725,000	725,000		725,000	725,000	
Missouri River enforcement	296,999	317,587	(4,246)	313,341	313,341	
Grants - Gifts - Donations	670,133	684,957	(7,971)	676,986	676,986	
Nongame wildlife conservation	100,000	100,000		100,000	100,000	
Lonetree reservoir	1,818,409	2,185,614	(32,970)	2,152,644	2,152,644	
Wildlife services	500,000	500,000		500,000	500,000	
Shooting sports grant program	250,000	250,000		250,000	250,000	
Aquatic nuisance species program	1,509,009	2,959,664	(220,820)	2,738,844	2,738,844	
Contingent Funding		27,150,000		27,150,000	27,150,000	
Total all funds	\$89,581,634	\$136,682,444	(\$1,920,978)	\$134,761,466	\$132,894,799	\$1,866,667
Less estimated income	89,581,634	136,682,444	(1,920,978)	134,761,466	132,894,799	1,866,667
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	164.00	177.00	(3.00)	174.00	170.00	4.00

Department 720 - Game and Fish Department - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Adds Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ¹	Adjusts Funding for FTE Positions ²	Removes Salary Funding for Funding Pool ³	Adds Funding for PLOTS Program ⁴	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	\$536,429		(\$2,476,866)		(\$1,940,437)
Operating expenses					
Capital assets					
Grants - Game and fish					
Land habitat and deer depredation	35,652	(\$98,823)	(651,363)	\$1,000,000	285,466
Noxious weed control					
Missouri River enforcement	1,682		(5,928)		(4,246)
Grants - Gifts - Donations	3,088		(11,059)		(7,971)
Nongame wildlife conservation					
Lonetree reservoir	12,800		(45,770)		(32,970)
Wildlife services					
Shooting sports grant program					
Aquatic nuisance species program	8,949		(229,769)		(220,820)
Contingent Funding					
Total all funds	\$598,600	(\$98,823)	(\$3,420,755)	\$1,000,000	(\$1,920,978)
Less estimated income	598,600	(98,823)	(3,420,755)	1,000,000	(1,920,978)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	(3.00)	0.00	0.00	(3.00)

¹ Salaries and wages funding is adjusted to provide for the 2023-25 biennium salary increases of 6 percent on July 1, 2023, and 4 percent on July 1, 2024, and for adjustments to health insurance premium rates as follows:

	Other Funds
Salary increase	\$619,050
Health insurance adjustment	(20,450)
Total	\$598,600

The Senate provided salary adjustments of 4 percent on July 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024.

² Funding of \$98,823 from other funds is removed for a biologist I position for the 1st year of the biennium by the Conference Committee. The position may be hired for the 2nd year of the biennium.

The Conference Committee removed 3 of the 7 contingent FTE positions related to the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. The House removed 4 of the 7 contingent FTE positions.

³ Funding for new FTE positions and estimated savings from vacant FTE positions is removed as shown below. These amounts are available to the agency if needed by submitting a request to the Office of Management and Budget for a transfer from the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

	Other Funds
New FTE positions	(\$1,179,021)
Vacant FTE positions	<u>(2,241,734)</u>
Total	(\$3,420,755)

The House also removed funding for the new and vacant FTE funding pool.

⁴ Funding of \$1 million from other funds is added to the \$4 million increase included in the Senate and House version for the private land open to sportsmen (PLOTS) program by the Conference Committee.

This amendment also:

- Changes provisions of the contingent appropriation section for the federal Recovering America's Wildlife Act funding to provide that the department coordinate with and consider input from the Federal Environmental Law Impact Review Committee for any expenditure of funds for conservation or research under this section, the same as the House version.
- Changes the section relating to funding for midterm conservation agreements and limiting the agreements with private landowners to a maximum of 30 years with buyout options at 15, 20, and 25 years. The House had limited the agreements to a maximum of 15 years.