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sHB-7231

AN ACT CONCERNING SUNDAY HUNTING ON PRIVATE LANDS OF TEN ACRES OR MORE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Judicial Dept. (Probation)	GF - Potential	Minimal	Minimal
	Savings		
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential	Minimal	Minimal
	Revenue Loss		

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows for Sunday hunting and trapping in certain circumstances which results in a potential savings to the Judicial Department for probation and a potential revenue loss to the General Fund from fines.¹ On average, the marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$600² each year for adults and \$450 each year for juveniles.

The bill also permits the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to make several changes related to expanded hunting on Sunday, which is not anticipate to result in a fiscal impact as DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to implement the changes.

¹ From FY 20 - FY 24, 200 charges were recorded and \$2,075 in associated revenue was collected under CGS § 26-91, 26-86a, 26-82, and 26-73.

² Probation marginal cost is based on services provided by private providers and only includes costs that increase with each additional participant.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.