

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS**

AMEND SECTION 703, TITLE 14, CCR

FALCONRY FEES AND FORMS

### **Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs within the State, the Creation of new Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety:**

The proposed action will affect a relatively small number of individuals engaged in the practice of falconry in California, primarily for recreation. The Department anticipates that the proposed regulations will affect very few, if any, businesses that rely on raptors. Therefore the proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

The Department does not anticipate any impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs, the creation of new businesses, the elimination of existing businesses, or the expansion of businesses in California. It is not expected that there will be benefits to worker safety.

Considering the small number of permits issued over the entire state, this proposal is economically neutral to business.

### **Benefits to the State's Environment:**

The Department anticipates benefits to the environment and to the health and welfare of California residents. It is the policy of this state to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the raptor populations for their ecological values and their use and enjoyment by the public. The new provisions of Section 703 enable the Department to recover its costs for licensing, permitting and inspection activities related to the practice of falconry in California in accordance with regulations adopted by the Commission in Section 670, Falconry. Adoption of a self-supporting falconry program in California, including raptor species harvest quotas and inspection of raptor housing facilities, supports preservation of sustainable raptor populations for the citizens of the state.

### **Determination of Regulatory Effectiveness:**

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more cost effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed, or would be as effective as and less burdensome to the affected private persons than the proposed regulation.