

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 317** HLS 21RS 484

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Seafood		

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS

EG +\$7,500 SD RV See Note

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Establishes a fee to support testing and monitoring for harmful substances in imported seafood

Proposed law requires LDH to charge and collect an annual imported seafood safety fee of \$100 from each holder of a commercial seafood permit fee who sells imported seafood. Proposed law creates the Imported Seafood Safety Fund as a special fund in the state treasury. Provides that the proceeds from the imported seafood safety fee established by proposed law shall be deposited into the fund. Proposed law requires that the monies in the fund be expended solely for sampling, analysis, testing, and monitoring of raw seafood products of foreign origin that are imported into this state. Requires that LDH administer or contract for such sampling, analysis, testing, and monitoring functions. Proposed law requires LDH to employ sampling, analysis, testing, and monitoring to detect the presence of substances that are harmful in imported seafood products. Authorizes the state health officer to modify the frequency and scope of sampling, analysis, testing, and monitoring functions based upon the availability of funding.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$37,500
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
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Annual Total	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$37,500

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure is anticipated to increase expenses at LDH by \$7,500 each year. Proposed law requires LDH to sample, analyze, test, and monitor imported seafood to detect the presence of harmful substances. The bill does not specify which harmful substances. Proposed law also limits the frequency and scope of sampling, analysis, testing, and monitoring activities based on available funding. Available funding is anticipated to be \$7,500 based fees projected to be collected for this purpose. (See revenue explanation below)

Creating a new statutory dedication within the state treasury will result in a marginal workload increase for the Department of Treasury, which can generally be absorbed within existing resources. However, to the extent other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be material additional costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking and custodial functions for 404 special funds. When unable to absorb additional workload with existing resources, the Treasury anticipates that it will be required to add one T.O. position at a total personnel services cost of approximately \$71,000 plus approximately \$2,450 for a one-time purchase of office equipment. These expenditures are assumed to be SGF in this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The bill creates the new statutorily dedicated Imported Seafood Safety Fund and authorizes deposits into the fund. Deposit into the fund will come from a \$100 annual fee charged to commercial seafood permit holders that sell imported seafood. LDH estimates that there are 75 commercial seafood permit holders that sell imported seafood. Therefore, this fee is anticipated to generate \$7,500 per year (75 permit holders x \$100 fee).

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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