

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 755** HLS 22RS 89

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> March 21, 2022 7:55 AM	<b>Author:</b> SCHEXNAYDER
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Treasury	<b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge
<b>Subject:</b> Expansion of Louisiana Loggers Relief Program	

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Provides for the disbursement of monies received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Present law establishes the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund and the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program to provide grants to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses who suffered revenue losses due to COVID-19. Present law outlines eligibility requirements to receive the grant, including a 10% revenue loss, an assigned NAICS Code of 113310 or 484220, and master logger certification. Present law requires all grants to be awarded before January 20, 2022.

Proposed law removes the 10% revenue loss criteria and instead requires there be any revenue loss. Proposed law also expands the eligible NAICS Codes to include 11300, 113210, 113310, 115310, 484110, 484120, and 484200. Lastly, proposed law removes the master logger certification requirement and instead requires the business to be headquartered in Louisiana. Proposed law extends the date of the program to June 30, 2023.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is expected to have a minimal impact on Statutory Dedications out of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Rescue Plan Fund in FY 23 for the administration of the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program. Proposed law extends the deadline and eligibility requirements for the \$10 M in funding for the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program. Present law authorizes the Treasurer to utilize up to 5% of the monies on administrative costs, which include any funds used for consulting services, professional services, information services, and technology services contracts used to implement the distribution of funds. For FY 22, the Treasurer utilized \$81,507 of the fund for the administration of the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program. The Logger program expended approximately \$1.6 M and, after accounting for the administrative costs, has an unexpended balance of approximately \$8.3 M.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law extends and expands the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program. Funds for the program come from the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Rescue Plan. Present law requires any unexpended balance from the program to be transferred to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund on June 30, 2022. Proposed law extends the deadline for the program to June 30, 2023. Currently, the unexpended balance for the program is approximately \$8.3 M which remains available for the Treasury to distribute to loggers and use for administrative purposes under this measure.

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
 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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