Proposed law requires the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to promulgate rules and regulations to require companies taking menhaden by vessel equipped with purse seines to report monthly harvest, beginning May 2023. Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to report the aggregated data and information from the menhaden harvest reports to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment annually, beginning February 2024.

Proposed law will result in a one-time, minimal increase in Statutory Dedications expenditures out of the Conservation Fund for the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to make adjustments to the Fisheries Data Management System. The department estimates it will cost approximately $2,000, which can be absorbed into their existing operating budget.

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.