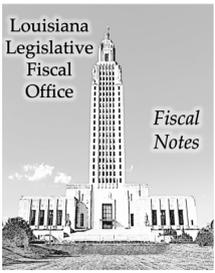


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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 514** HLS 25RS 334

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Doula Registry Board		

INSURANCE/HEALTH EG +\$2,495 FF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Modifies the Louisiana Doula Registry Board within the Louisiana Department of Health and provides for respective regulatory authority

Present law creates the Louisiana Doula Registry Board within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) for the purpose of reviewing and approving doula registration for doulas seeking health insurance reimbursement.

Present law provides for duties of the board. Proposed law modifies present law by granting the board with full authority to oversee and manage the entire doula registration process; establish and enforce administrative guidelines for registration; and maintain a statewide doula registry of doulas approved for health insurance reimbursement in Louisiana. Proposed law modifies the board's makeup to include nine (9) members, seven (7) members who serve as doulas for births in this state from different geographic regions, two (2) members shall represent an organization providing doula services, one (1) woman has given birth under doula care, one (1) doula with lactation training, one (1) representative from Community Birth Companion, one (1) representative from Birthmark Doula Collective, one (1) representative from H.E.R. Institute, and the Quality Initiatives Manager of the LDH Bureau of Family Health. Proposed law provides that LDH's role is strictly administrative support and does not supersede the authority of the Doula Registry Board. Provides for travel reimbursements to Doula Registry Board members.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$12,475</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$2,495</b>	<b>\$12,475</b>

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is anticipated to increase Federal expenditures by \$2,495 annually in the LDH Office of Public Health to reimburse Doula Registry Board members for travel expenses in accordance with regulations of the Division of Administration (DOA), PPM 49 - Travel Guide . Proposed law adds the requirement to reimburse board members for travel. The current mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.70 per mile for each business mile. Projected cost is based on nine (9) potential Doula Registry Board Members seeking reimbursement from LDH up to 99 miles for each quarterly meeting.

**Basis for Expenditure Projection:**

- 9 Potential Doula Registry Board Members;
- x \$0.70 DOA Mileage Reimbursement Rate;
- x 99 miles (maximum allowed) = \$624.70 per Quarter;
- x 4 Quarters = \$2,494.80

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

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

- 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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