

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 271** SLS 26RS 575

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Department of Transportation and Development	Analyst: Kimberly Fruge
Subject: Special Permits for Hauling Grain and Cotton	

ROADS/HIGHWAYS

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Provides for permits for hauling grain and cotton on Interstate 20. (8/1/26)

Proposed law provides for special permits to persons who own or operate vehicles which haul cotton and grain to travel upon a segment of Interstate 20 as an alternative route to US 80, provided there are no objections raised by the federal government; requires the Department of Transportation and Development shall promulgate rules that limits permits to harvest season operations and provides necessary weight limits and procedures to comply with federal requirements and laws.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law establishes special permits for vehicles hauling grain and cotton to travel on Interstate 20 between US 165 in Monroe and LA 193 in Delta, provided there are no objections raised by the federal government. DOTD reports it may incur minimal administrative costs associated with developing and issuing special permits pursuant to proposed law. The LFO assumes any such costs can be absorbed in the department's existing operating budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in revenues deposited into the Statutorily Dedicated Transportation Trust Fund - Regular (TTF-R), to the extent the Department of Transportation and Development issues special permits for persons who own or operate vehicles that haul cotton and grain to travel along a segment of Interstate 20. The number of permits that may be issued on an annual basis is unknown, and the potential revenues are indeterminable.

The department reports that issuing a special permit pursuant to proposed law may jeopardize 50% of federal transportation funding. Proposed law authorizes the department to issue the special permits provided no objections are raised by the federal government. The LFO assumes that if the federal government indicates that issuing such a permit will risk federal funding, based on vehicle weight limitations outlined in 23 USC 127, the department will not issue any special permits.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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