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HEALTH SERVICES EG +\$109,985 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Creates the Lupus Commission

Proposed law establishes the Lupus Commission within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), office on women’s health and community health. The Commission shall be comprised of certain members, and a number of the members shall be appointed by the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, the Ochsner Health System, and the president of Woman’s Hospital of Baton Rouge. Proposed law requires LDH to provide administrative assistance and serve as staff for the commission. The functions of the Lupus Commission include: 1) evaluate functions and activities of existing groups focused on lupus to collaborate with and engage stakeholders, 2) support and contextualize reporting on lupus, 3) serve as an advisory body to the governor and LDH on matters relating to lupus treatment and care, 4) research and review, 5) provide a forum for an annual public hearing, and 6) make recommendations on policy. Proposed law requires the commission to submit an annual written report to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare at least 60 days prior to each regular session.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$109,985	\$144,028	\$148,167	\$152,428	\$156,818	\$711,426
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
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures by \$109,985 in FY 27 for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Women’s Health and Community Health (OWHCH). This amount includes \$100,433 for the addition of one (1) Program Manager 1A T.O. position for nine months along with \$5,600 in associated operating expenses and \$3,952 in equipment costs. This position will be responsible for establishing the Lupus Commission within OWHCH, including administrative setup, oversight, and coordination with stakeholders.

Personnel Costs (\$100,433 SGF):

OBH reports that salary and related benefits associated with the addition of one (1) Program Manager 1A T.O. position at the midpoint salary for nine months in FY 27 will total \$100,433. The midpoint salary for a Program Manager 1A position (AS620) is \$89,274, or \$7,439.50 per month (\$7,439.50 x 9 months = \$66,955.50). Related benefits are calculated at 50% of salaries (\$66,955.50 x 50% = \$33,477.75). The salary is annualized to twelve months and a 3% annual growth factor is applied to FY 28 and subsequent fiscal years.

Operating Expenses (\$5,600 SGF):

Operating expenses include travel-related costs associated with providing administrative support for the Lupus Commission, including mileage, meeting venues, lodging, and per diem.

Equipment Costs (\$3,952):

Equipment costs include the purchase of items, such as desks, chairs, personal computers, office supplies, etc.

Note: The LFO is unable to corroborate the estimated staffing level, operating expenses, and contract costs projected by LDH. While the LFO acknowledges that proposed law will result in increased workload for LDH, to the extent the required staffing levels may be lower or higher, corresponding operating costs would shift accordingly. To the extent that a portion or all of the prescribed duties can be absorbed by existing staff and resources, a portion of the projected costs may be mitigated. Should additional information regarding estimated expenditures become available, this fiscal note will be updated.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of 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}
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EXPENDITURES

Position	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
LDH - Program Manager 1A	\$100,433	\$137,928	\$142,067	\$146,328	\$150,718
Operating Expenses	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600	\$5,600
Equipment	\$3,952	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Total Expenditures	\$109,985	\$144,028	\$148,167	\$152,428	\$156,818
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