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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 186** SLS 26RS 16

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Menhaden Fishery	

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Provides for the menhaden fishery. (8/1/26)

Present law provides that anyone legally taking menhaden shall not have in their possession more than five percent by weight of any species of fish other than menhaden and herring like species. Proposed law limits the total commercial menhaden fishing catch, for the purpose of reduction fishing, to no more than 315 M pounds annually from Louisiana territorial waters.

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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Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law limits the total commercial menhaden fishing catch, for the purpose of reduction fishing, to no more than 315 M pounds annually from Louisiana territorial waters. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reports that they currently require vessels to report the amount of menhaden caught and can track annual catches using existing staff and resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may increase penalty revenue deposited into the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund. Proposed law limits the total commercial menhaden fishing catch, for the purpose of reduction fishing, to no more than 315 M pounds annually from Louisiana territorial waters. To the extent that companies violate proposed law, this would be constitute a class one violation. Class one violations for a first offense is a civil penalty of \$50, a second offense is a fine of \$75 to \$250, and a third or subsequent offense carries a fine of \$200 to \$550.

The exact impact to the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund Revenue is indeterminable, as it is unknown the number of instances in which the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries will successfully secure civil fines related to exceeding the menhaden cap provided by the proposed law.

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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