



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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Subject: Creates the Louisiana Women's Health Consortium	

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 Creates the Louisiana Women's Health Consortium

Proposed law creates the Women's Health Consortium within LDH, the Office on Women's Health and Community Health. Proposed law requires the consortium to develop an initiative known as the Funding Priority Program for Women's Health Initiatives to identify current funding provided for women's health initiatives, prioritize funding needed to sustain and enhance current effective initiatives, and identify new initiatives to support emerging scientific research and innovation. Proposed law requires the consortium to perform other duties such as providing recommendations, identifying systemic barriers, and coordinating an online clearinghouse of evidence-based information and resources. Proposed law requires the consortium to submit an annual written report to the governor, president of the Senate, speaker of the House of Representatives, and other groups that summarizes the activities of the consortium for the year by a certain time period.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$108,885	\$142,928	\$147,067	\$151,328	\$155,718	\$705,926
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	\$108,885	\$142,928	\$147,067	\$151,328	\$155,718	\$705,926
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures by \$108,885 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 \$4,500 in associated operating expenses and \$3,952 in equipment costs (see Table on Page 2). This position will be responsible for establishing the Women's Health Consortium within OWHCH, including administrative setup, oversight, and coordination with stakeholders.

Personnel Costs (\$100,433 SGF):

LDH 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 (\$4,500 SGF):

Operating expenses include travel-related costs associated with providing administrative support for the Women's Health Consortium, 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 equipment costs projected by LDH. Although the requirements of proposed law seem to largely expound on the existing statutory duties and functions of the Office, the Office currently operates with only a few dedicated staff. 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	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Equipment	\$3,952	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Total Expenditures	\$108,885	\$142,928	\$147,067	\$151,328	\$155,718
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