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Subject: Commercial building codes		

BUILDING CODES OR +\$1,176,171 SG EX See Note
Provides relative to commercial building codes

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Proposed law provides for revisions to the Louisiana State Uniform Construction Code (LSUCC) and related enforcement provisions. Proposed law clarifies that all commercial structures and movables must comply with state construction and life-safety codes and establishes the role of the State Fire Marshal in plan review, inspections, and enforcement of fire protection and egress requirements. Under the proposed law, local building code officials retain responsibility for enforcing general construction standards for one- and two-family dwellings, while the Fire Marshal is designated to review plans, drawings, and specifications for commercial buildings and other nonresidential structures.

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.	\$1,176,171	\$1,207,050	\$1,238,854	\$1,271,613	\$1,305,355	\$6,199,043
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	\$1,176,171	\$1,207,050	\$1,238,854	\$1,271,613	\$1,305,355	\$6,199,043

REVENUES	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.	\$1,379,350	\$1,379,350	\$1,379,350	\$1,379,350	\$1,379,350	\$6,896,750
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	\$1,379,350	\$1,379,350	\$1,379,350	\$1,379,350	\$1,379,350	\$6,896,750

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGR expenditures by \$1.12 M in FY 27 for the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), associated with additional staffing, administrative processing, travel, and training needed to implement the expanded plan review and inspection duties. Expenditures are anticipated to increase by 4% for salary and related benefits in subsequent fiscal years. The proposed law expands the architectural review component, which increases workload in OSFM depending on the volume and complexity of commercial projects submitted for review. OSFM indicates nine (9) additional authorized TO positions are needed (4 - Architects, 3 - Engineers 4, and 2 - Building Plan Examiners 3). See the table on page 2 for a detailed breakdown of expenditures. Currently, OSFM is contracted with approximately 20 parishes and municipalities. Under the proposed law, OSFM would be responsible for conducting a comprehensive review of LSUCC for all structures across every municipality and parish.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGR by \$1,379,350 for the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM) due to an expansion of its responsibilities. Specifically, the bill requires OSFM to review architectural plans, drawings, and specifications for all commercial and non-residential buildings. Although this measure does not explicitly establish new fees, the additional plan review duties will generate increased revenue under the agency's existing fee authority for plan reviews and related administrative services. OSFM estimates that the proposed law will result in approximately 5,630 additional full plan reviews. At a minimum fee of \$280 per review, this increased workload is projected to generate \$1,379,350 in additional revenue for the agency.

For illustrative purposes, the table shows a comparison of the proposed vs. the present law:

Proposed Law	No. of Reviews	Fee	FY 27 to FY 31
LSUCC Review	5,630	\$280	\$ 1,576,400
Total Proposed Law			\$1,576,400
Present law			
LSUCC Review	5,630	\$35	\$ 197,050
Total Present Law			\$ 197,050
Total Revenue Increase			\$1,379,950

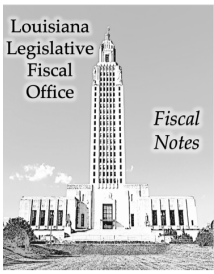
(Difference Proposed - Present Law)

Note: The number of reviews is based on FY 25 actuals.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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DPS/OSFM Projected Operating Budget Impact

Expenditures

Positions	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Architect 3 (4 positions)	\$367,080	\$378,092	\$389,435	\$401,118	\$413,152
Engineer 4 (3 positions)	\$275,310	\$283,569	\$292,076	\$300,839	\$309,864
Building Plans Examiner 3 (2 positions)	<u>\$122,304</u>	<u>\$125,973</u>	<u>\$129,752</u>	<u>\$133,645</u>	<u>\$137,654</u>
Total Salaries	\$764,694	\$787,635	\$811,264	\$835,602	\$860,670
Related Benefits	<u>\$383,654</u>	<u>\$391,592</u>	<u>\$399,767</u>	<u>\$408,188</u>	<u>\$416,862</u>
Personal Services Sub-total	\$1,148,348	\$1,179,227	\$1,211,031	\$1,243,790	\$1,277,532
Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Services	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950
Supplies	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950	\$4,950
Professional Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Acquisitions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
IAT	<u>\$17,923</u>	<u>\$17,923</u>	<u>\$17,923</u>	<u>\$17,923</u>	<u>\$17,923</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,176,171</u>	<u>\$1,207,050</u>	<u>\$1,238,854</u>	<u>\$1,271,613</u>	<u>\$1,305,355</u>

Note: In subsequent fiscal years, the fiscal note presumes a 3% increase in salaries and related benefits.

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