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PUBLIC HEALTH OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to the disproportionate impact of environmental and public health issues on certain communities

Proposed law provides that each state department, office, and agency shall collect and analyze data about environmental and human health risks and use the information to determine whether the agency's programs, policies, or activities have an adverse impact on certain communities. Proposed law provides that each state department, office, and agency shall make its findings publicly available. Proposed law provides that each water utility system shall present the current status of its system before a joint meeting of the House and Senate committees on health and welfare.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law would result in an indeterminable, but potentially significant, increase in expenditures for state agencies associated with the cost of collecting and analyzing information related to environmental and human health risks and determining whether the agency's programs, policies, or activities have an adverse impact on the human health or environment of communities of color, indigenous communities, and low income communities. The proposed law does not define the specific data to be collected or the frequency for which it is to be collected. The cost to state agencies as a result of this measure is indeterminable and depends on the level and frequency of data collection and analysis.

Costs would vary by each agency. However, for illustrative purposes, to the extent that data is collected statewide on air, water, and soil risks by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the department estimates that in FY 19 it will cost \$7,373,073 (ongoing costs \$2,939,073 + one time implementation costs \$4,434,000) to collect and analyze environmental and human health risks.

Estimated ongoing costs for DEQ

- \$1,062,693 Salary and benefits for ten environmental scientists
- \$1,820,000 Contracted professional services (data management, water quality specialists, air quality specialists, chemists, risk assessors, statisticians, environmental consultants)
- \$ 56,380 Operating services (travel, supplies, fuel, computer leases, vehicle maintenance)
- \$2,939,073 Total ongoing cost for DEQ in FY 19 and future fiscal years

Estimated one time implementation costs for DEQ in FY 19

- \$4,108,000 Initial costs associated with establishing a database
- \$ 326,000 One time equipment costs (four vehicles @ \$35 K each and two boats for water sampling @ \$93 K each)
- \$4,434,000 Total FY 19 one time costs for DEQ

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

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

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The Louisiana Department of Health - Office of Public Health (OPH) anticipates that it would incur salary and operating expenses associated with hiring four additional positions to collect and analyze data about environmental and human health risks.

Estimated FY 19 costs for OPH	
\$359,815	Salary and benefits for a Program Monitor (\$108,015), a Program Manager (\$132,319), an Epidemiology Technician (75,567), and an Administrative Coordinator (\$43,914)
\$ 9,128	Operating Expenses
\$ 5,544	One time equipment costs for 4 positions (desks, chairs, computers)
\$374,487	Total estimated FY 19 cost for OPH

The LFO also requested estimated costs from the Division of Administration (DOA) and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). DOA indicated that they could not determine a cost due to the vague requirements provided in the bill, but anticipates that each state agency may need to hire additional staff. DCFS indicated that they will incur workload increases.

Proposed law further provides that every water utility system (1,325 systems) shall present the current status of its system before a joint meeting of the House and Senate committees on health and welfare. There are 26 members in the House and Senate committees on health and welfare. The legislative per diem rate is \$164 plus approximately \$13 in related benefits for a daily cost of \$177 per day. It would cost \$4,602 per day for 26 legislators to attend meetings plus mileage reimbursement, which is approximately \$0.545 per mile. The impact on the legislature's expenditures is indeterminable and depends on mileage of the members and the number of meeting days held. The total cost related to per diems and mileage to hold these meetings may be significant, given that 1,325 water utility systems would be required to present to the joint committee. However, to the extent that the meetings are held when the legislature is in session, per diem and mileage costs could be mitigated.

NOTE: All MOF may be affected by the total cost increase resulting from this legislation. Expenditures discussed and displayed above are shown as State General Fund MOF for clarity.

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