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Transfers the responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program from within the Department of Natural Resources to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority. (7/1/18)

Present law provides for the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program within the Dept. of Natural Resources. Proposed law eliminates these and transfers the responsibilities to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA). Proposed law authorizes the CPRA director to appoint a technical advisory group to develop the annual plan. Present law provides for the membership of the technical advisory group. Proposed law adds one member from CPRA (director or designee); Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism; Dept. of Health; state land office; Atchafalaya Basin Levee Board; and two chosen by the Police Jury Association from a list submitted by the parish governing authorities of parishes that lie partially or completely within the basin located on the west and east side of the Atchafalaya River who must be a professional in engineering, geotechnology, hydrology, or environmental science who must be a professional in associated sciences. Present law requires the House and Senate Committees on Natural Resources to take action on the annual basin plan on or before April 15th of each year. Proposed law changes the committee action date to May 1st.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	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**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to have no fiscal impact to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and will have a minimal fiscal impact to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) to transfer the responsibilities of the Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and the Atchafalaya Basin Program to CPRA. While this measure does eliminate the Atchafalaya board and program, the responsibilities are not changed and CPRA will be responsible for conducting the activities previously performed by DNR.

Historically, the funding for the Atchafalaya Basin Program has been from an interagency transfer from the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF) and the annual cost of this program has been approximately $275,000 - $287,000. The funding from DWF will be eliminated in FY 19 and the personnel tied to this program have either retired or separated from DNR. CPRA indicates it has sufficient staff to manage the responsibilities and carry out these duties and will not require additional personnel. The only additional costs are associated with printing and advisory meetings. The LFO anticipates these costs will be minimal and can be absorbed within their existing operating budget.

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}

☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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