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**Fiscal Note**



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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Creates the LA Equine Promotion and Research Program	

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Creates the Louisiana Equine Promotion and Research Program. (gov sig)

Proposed law creates the LA Equine Promotion and Research Program and the LA Equine Promotion and Research Advisory Board within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) to support the growth and development of the equine industry. Under the proposed law, the board of 11 members appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture based on nominations from the LA Farm Bureau Federation and post-secondary institutions as well as from specific equine occupations. Proposed law requires the Commissioner, the Lieutenant Governor, and the president of the LA Farm Bureau Federation, or their designees, to serve as ex officio members. Proposed law prohibits members of the board from receiving any compensation. Proposed law provides for the organization and administration of the board, the length of terms, vacancies, quorum, expulsions, meeting requirements, the appointment of officers, duties of the board, and submit an annual report to the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the House Committee on Agriculture by January 1st of each year. Proposed law requires the Commissioner expend all funds made available to effectuate the purposes of proposed law.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation is anticipated to result in an indeterminable, but minimal, increase in state expenditures associated with travel reimbursements. The proposed law creates the LA Equine Promotion and Research Program as well as the LA Equine Promotion and Research Advisory Board within the LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF). The 11 members of the board shall serve without compensation; however, board members not domiciled in Baton Rouge may receive travel and other reimbursements as permitted in the official state Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM49) for attending board meetings. The proposed law requires LDAF to provide administrative support to the advisory board, which shall meet at least twice a year. For informational purposes, the current mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.56 per mile not to exceed a maximum of 99 miles per round trip and/or day. While there may be costs associated with travel reimbursement and administrative support of the advisory board provided by LDAF, they are expected to be minimal and absorbed within the department's 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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