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Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd.:

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Dept./Agy.: Department of Natural Resources

Subject: Exemptions for certain solar power generation facilities

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EG SEE FISC NOTE SD RV See Note Provides relative to fee exemptions for certain solar power generation facilities

Proposed law exempts solar power generation facilities that have a power purchase agreement in place from application and annual monitoring and maintenance fees for permits to construct and operate a solar power generation facility.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	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	<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
REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	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					
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						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will have an indeterminable impact on revenues collected by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Proposed law exempts solar power generation facilities that have a power purchase agreement in place from application and annual monitoring and maintenance fees collected by DNR. Act 555 of the 2022 Regular Legislative Session granted DNR the power to establish fees to administer the solar power program. The department indicates it is currently writing rules that would create the most revenue neutral fund structure. Under proposed law, the department would likely need to modify the fee structure to account for any exempt facilities. Until the department completes the rule promulgation process, the impact of exempting certain facilities from needing a permit to operate a solar power facility is unknown.

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