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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 540** HLS 23RS 758  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Port Districts      |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Jamie Mergist |
| <b>Subject:</b> Port and Harbor Police |         |                               |

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS RE1 INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Establishes a port and harbor police force for ports meeting certain requirements

**Purpose of Bill:** This bill authorizes the board of commissioners for any port district whose territorial limits include parishes with a population of 57,000 to 57,400 and 68,000 to 73,000, according to the latest federal decennial census, to establish a port and harbor police force. These police officers will have law enforcement powers similar to those of sheriffs, including the power of arrest.

Currently, only the Twin Parish Port Commission meets the criteria established in this bill.

| EXPENDITURES        | <u>2023-24</u> | <u>2024-25</u> | <u>2025-26</u> | <u>2026-27</u> | <u>2027-28</u> | <u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u> |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | \$0            | <b>\$0</b>           |
| 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         | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       | INCREASE       |                      |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |                |                |                |                |                |                      |

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase local government expenditures for the Twin Parish Port Commission by \$50,000 annually.**

An official with the Twin Parish Port Commission informed us that Commission expenditures may increase by approximately \$50,000 annually to hire an officer.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase local government revenues for the Twin Parish Port Commission by \$15,000-\$20,000 annually.**

An official with the Twin Parish Port Commission indicated that the Commission’s revenues could increase by approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 annually because the police force will assist the Commission in better enforcing the Commission’s existing ordinances/fees (e.g. public boat launch fees).

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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