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**Fiscal Note**

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**Subject:** Creation of the Office of Port Development

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Creates the Office of Port Development within the Dept. of Economic Development and the Port Development Advisory Commission

Proposed law creates the Office of Port Development within the Dept. of Economic Development. The Office of Port Development shall be under the immediate supervision and direction of the newly created position of Commissioner of Port Development. Functions performed by the office include involvement in various activities with the facilities, capacities, and capabilities of ports; development and implementation of a statewide port strategic plan (subject to legislative approval by concurrent resolution); attraction, retention, and expansion of industrial and business investments at or near Louisiana ports; identification of obstacles to growth of Louisiana ports and develop remedies for such obstacles; identify sources of non-state funds for economic development purposes and to develop/implement a plan to increase access to these funds; and cooperate/collaborate with regional and local economic development entities throughout the state with regard to port development.

Proposed law creates the Port Development Advisory Commission. The Commission will advise the 2024 Legislature of a suggested operational plan for appropriation no later than Feb. 1, 2024 and implementation beginning on July 1, 2024.

| EXPENDITURES        | 2023-24   | 2024-25   | 2025-26   | 2026-27   | 2027-28   | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0       | INCREASE  | INCREASE  | INCREASE  | INCREASE  | \$0           |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW |               |
| Ded./Other          | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| Federal Funds       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| Local Funds         | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> |           |           |           |           |           |               |
| 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          | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| Federal Funds       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| Local Funds         | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0       | \$0           |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase SGF expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY 25 and subsequent fiscal years within the Department of Economic Development (LED). The proposed law creates the Office of Port Development and a Commissioner position, as well as provides for functions primarily focused on strategic planning for ports throughout the state.

Proposed law creates the Port Development Advisory Commission and provides for its responsibilities. The proposed law specifies that the eleven members of the Commission shall serve without salary but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of all duties, including mileage, in connection with the business of the Commission. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) assumes these costs will be minimal and can be absorbed into the operating budget of each respective entity. These costs are assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

Proposed law directs the Port Development Advisory Commission to meet and develop an operational plan for the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature. The plan specifically should identify an allocation of the department employees, equipment, facilities, and funding necessary for the Office of Port Development, as well as an organizational structure of the office including an initial allocation of the office's powers, duties, responsibilities, officers, equipment, and employees among the specific divisions. The recommended amount of SGF for FY 25 and subsequent years, as well as the number of T.O. positions created within the Office of Port Development will be presented by the Commission to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and International Affairs and the House Committee on Commerce meeting jointly for their review, amendments, and approval no later than February 1, 2024.

LED has indicated current staff and resources should be sufficient to support the Port Development Advisory Commission for the prescribed meetings, aid in preparation for those meetings, and development of the operational plan.

*NOTE: The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall become effective when an Act of Louisiana Legislature containing a specific appropriation for the implementations of the provisions of this Act becomes effective or July 1, 2024, whichever is later.*

**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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