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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 559** HLS 24RS 886

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Allocates revenue from waterfowl licenses to the Duck Stamp		

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Allocates revenue collected from waterfowl licenses to the Duck Stamp Fund

Proposed law dedicates all funds from the sale of waterfowl licenses to the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund (Fund). Current law requires \$10 from the sale of each waterfowl hunting license be deposited into the Fund. The proposed change would dedicate the entire \$12 fee for a resident license and \$50 fee for a non-resident license into the Fund.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) is able to make the proposed changes to the licensing system using existing resources and staff.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law would result in no overall impact to statutory dedications revenue for LDWF as this legislation would solely change the destination where revenue from waterfowl hunting licenses is deposited. Collections from these licenses in FY 23 were a total of \$804,162; of that total, \$375,742 was deposited into the Conservation Fund, while \$428,420 was deposited into the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund. Proposed law will result in all revenue deposited into the Louisiana Duck License, Stamp, and Print Fund and none into the Conservation Fund. This amount of revenue can be expected as long as sales of licenses remain at a similar level.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

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 Change {S & H}

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

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