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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 604** HLS 25RS 859

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Establishes a red drum tag program		

WILDLIFE & FISHERIES
Establishes a red drum tag program

OR INCREASE SD RV See Note

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Proposed law authorizes the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to promulgate rules and regulations to establish a program for the purchase of a tag for red drum over the 27-inch limit. Proposed law establishes a price of \$25 in addition to obtaining a fishing license. This program shall provide limitations dependent on the health of the population. Proposed law provides that the revenue generated from the sale of tags shall be used to administer the program and any remaining funds shall be placed into the Marine Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in a minimal one-time expenditure increase for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF). Proposed law authorizes LDWF to establish a red drum tag over the 27-inch limit. LDWF estimates that implementation will take approximately 40 hours of developmental work which would result in about \$5,000 one-time additional operating expenses, and would be absorbed into the department's existing operating budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase revenue for the Marine Finfish Stock Enhancement Fund. Proposed law establishes the red drum tag for red drums over the 27-inch limit for \$25 and requires the department to limit tags based on the health of the population. The department has not yet determined how many tags it will provide, as LDWF is required to maintain the health of the red drum population. Depending on how many tags become available from the department a corresponding increase in revenues is anticipated.

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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