

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 776** HLS 26RS 734

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Port Construction and Development Priority Program	

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Modifies the Port Construction and Development Priority Program

Proposed law allows the Department of Transportation and Development to contract with any state college or university for any duties associated with the development of the port priority program; provides that prior to public hearings regarding port priority projects or dredging and deepening projects, the department must publish the appropriate official notice of the hearing in the Official Journal of the State; changes the 10% local match requirement for any port project to a varying rate based on the size of the project.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	<b>SEE BELOW</b>					
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may increase Local Fund expenditures for large projects or very large projects within the Port Construction and Development Priority Program. Proposed law changes the flat 10% local match requirement for any port project to a varying rate based on the size of the project. A "Standard Project" will continue to require a 10% local match. A "Large Project" will require a 20% match. Lastly, a "Very Large Project" will require a 30% local match. The amount of this increase is situational and will vary from port to port based on the size of the project.

Note: Proposed legislation has no impact on state expenditures since the number of projects included in the Port Construction and Priority Program is subject to the availability of funds appropriated to the program. Therefore, the LFO assumes the same total amount will be appropriated for Port Construction and Development Priority Projects. However, proposed law may impact how much of the appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund appropriated to the program is allocated on a per-project basis and may increase the number of projects funded through the Port and Construction Priority Program.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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