



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 798** HLS 26RS 197
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Attorney General/Office of Broadband	
Subject: The Broadband and Cable Price Notice Act	Analyst: Kimberly Fruge

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 Creates the Broadband and Cable Price Notice Act

Proposed law creates the Broadband and Cable Price Notice Act; provides that a provider shall furnish clear and conspicuous written notice to each affected customer at least thirty calendar days before the effective date of any price increase for cable and video services; provides that a customer may cancel or downgrade the affected service without early termination fees or other penalties triggered solely by the price increase; provides that a violation of proposed law is an unfair or deceptive trade practice in accordance with the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law; authorizes the Attorney General to investigate and bring action, including civil penalties, injunctive relief, restitution, and attorneys' fees; allows for private action authorized by the Louisiana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
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	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable impact on workload in the district courts and in the Office of the Attorney General.

District Courts. Proposed law may result in an indeterminable impact on workload in the district courts, to the extent that they experience an increase in filings for civil actions pursued for violations of the proposed law. Proposed law allows customers to independently pursue civil actions for fines, civil damages, attorney fees, and court costs against those cable or video service providers in violation of the Broadband and Cable Price Notice Act. The exact fiscal impact relative to the increase in workload is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which civil actions would be filed (and the related hearings conducted) for these matters.

Attorney General. Proposed law may result in an indeterminable impact on workload in the Office of the Attorney General, to the extent that the office pursues civil actions under the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law to seek restitution or other civil enforcement measures against those in violation of the proposed law. The exact fiscal impact to the Attorney General is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of instances in which the Attorney General will pursue these civil actions and participate in hearings on these matters. Any fiscal impact is projected to be absorbed within the Attorney General's budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Propose law may result in an indeterminable increase in Self-Generated Revenue in the Office of the Attorney General, to the extent that the Attorney General secures civil penalties for violation of the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law. The exact fiscal impact to the Office of the Attorney General is indeterminable, because the amount of the fines that can be secured is variable in nature (no more than \$5,000 for each violation), and it is unknown the number of instances in which the Attorney General will be able to secure them.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |


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