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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 137** HLS 051ES 388
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Sub. Bill For.:
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 Changes the name of the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund and provides for deposits into and uses of the fund

Present law provides relative to the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund in the State Treasury, including funding sources, amounts, allocations, and uses. Proposed law changes the name of the fund to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund. Adds that, subject to "8g" and Bond Security and Redemption Fund requirements, federal revenues received by the State generated from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas activity and eligible, as provided by federal law, to be used for the purposes of the proposed law shall be deposited and credited to the Fund. Such federal revenues shall be used for the purposes of coastal wetlands conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly impacted by coastal wetlands losses. Federal revenues received from Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas activity shall be exclusive from the \$500 million limit of the Fund. Provides that monies for hurricane protection do not need to be appropriated to the Coastal Restoration Division. Provides that it shall take effect and become operative if and when the proposed amendment to the Constitution contained in HB 139 of the 2005 First Extraordinary Legislative Session is adopted and becomes effective. Repeals Act 300 of the 2005 Regular Session.

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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Currently there is a constitutional amendment pending a vote of the people (Act 513 of 2005) that would deposit any income derived from outer continental shelf oil and gas activity as provided by federal law into the Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Fund and establishes its dedicated uses. This proposed legislation and companion constitutional amendment (HB 139) changes the name of the fund to the "Coastal Protection and Restoration Fund" and adds a new allowable use to the fund, "hurricane protection and infrastructure directly impacted by coastal wetland losses."

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Senate Dual Referral Rules

13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

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

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