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Authorizes the Port of South Louisiana, the Lafourche Basin Levee District, and the Pontchartrain Levee District to enter a cooperative endeavor agreement to authorize the exercise of combined police protection. (8/1/14) (2/3-CA6s43(2))

Purpose of Bill: This bill provides that the Port of South Louisiana, the Lafourche Basin Levee District, and the Pontchartrain Levee District may enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement to authorize the exercise of combined police protection. It requires that officers shall be commissioned as peace officers by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Should the entities choose to enter into such an agreement, the measure further provides that the governing authority of each entity shall appoint two members to serve as members of an oversight committee, which may employ a chief law enforcement officer. The entities would be prohibited from authorizing any additional funding for a position beyond the limits of its budget without approval by both the levee boards and the parish governing authority. In addition, this bill creates the position of executive director and assistant executive director for the Lafourche Basin Levee District to be appointed by the board and provides for their compensation.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure may increase local government expenditures by approximately \$2.5 million in the first year of operation and an average of approximately \$2 million in the following years. This increase is dependent upon the terms of a cooperative endeavor agreement that may be entered into by the Port of South Louisiana, the Lafourche Basin Levee District, and the Pontchartrain Levee District.

Because this measure is permissive, the total impact on government expenditures will depend upon whether these entities decide to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement, and the specific terms of the agreement.

Officials with the Pontchartrain Levee District estimate that expenditures will increase by \$2,195,000 to provide expanded police protection. These costs include hiring 12 additional officers, a chief of police, support staff, equipment, etc. Costs are estimated to be less in subsequent years.

In addition, the Lafourche Basin Levee District will be responsible for appointing the executive director and assistant executive director. Salaries and related benefits for these positions may be approximately \$300,000.

At the time this fiscal note was published, we had not received any information from the Port of South Louisiana.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
[] 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
[] 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}
[] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}
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