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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 342** HLS 14RS 730  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ SEN COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Creates the Department of Elderly Affairs	

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 (Constitutional Amendment) Creates and provides for a Department of Elderly Affairs

Proposed constitutional amendment creates a Department of Elderly Affairs as an executive branch department that is not considered or subjected to 20-department limit. Proposed constitutional amendment provides that the Department of Elderly Affairs is responsible for planning, monitoring, coordinating, and delivering services to the state's elderly. Proposed constitutional amendment prohibits appropriation of funds for the state's elderly to any other organizational unit of the executive branch of state government except as provided by law. Proposed constitutional amendment provides for the appropriation of funds between parish councils on aging and to nationally accredited senior centers. Proposed constitutional amendment provides that any services or programs licensed or certified by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) shall remain with DHH. Proposed constitutional amendment provides for submission to the voters at the statewide election to be held 11/04/2014 and becomes effective on 07/01/2015, if ratified by the voters.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	<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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>					<b>\$0</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed constitutional amendment creates the Department of Elderly Affairs and is not anticipated to have any impact on state expenditures in FY 15. According to Civil Service, the constitution requires all executive departments to have a department head. Therefore, this requirement may be met by utilizing the existing vacant executive director's position and associated funding. The governor will determine the salary of the secretary position. Presently, the executive director of the Office of Elderly Affairs has an annual salary of \$91,402. If the salary of the secretary of the new department remains the same as the existing executive director position, this measure results in no impact to state expenditures.

Existing statute (LA R.S. 36:152) authorizes an undersecretary and deputy secretary position in the newly created department. To the extent the Department of Elderly Affairs fills these positions in future fiscal years, the LFO anticipates state expenditures will increase. In addition, the creation of the new department may increase operating expenses and equipment purchases in subsequent fiscal years.

In addition, this measure provides that any services or programs presently licensed or certified by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) shall remain within the department. Therefore, the creation of the Department of Elderly Affairs will not impact services or programs provided by DHH.

On November 4, 2014, voters will consider the proposed constitutional amendment at the statewide election. The Secretary of State may incur minimal ballot printing costs associated with this measure. However, as a regular practice, the Secretary of State routinely budgets for up to 10 constitutional amendments for the fall statewide elections.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u>   | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {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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