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Fiscal Note On: **HB 730** HLS 15RS 1244
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: LA Farm to Schools Lunch Program	

SCHOOLS/FOOD PROGRAMS EG +\$118,200 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides for the La. Farm to School Act

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Farm to School Program and establishes a publicly-accessible database for information on schools and farmers interested in participating in the program to be maintained by the LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry.

Proposed law allows the LA Department of Education to purchase commodities from farmers for use in school lunches through a bid process up to the Federal Small Purchase Threshold outlined in 41 U.S.C. 403(11) .

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$118,200	\$58,200	\$58,200	\$58,200	\$58,200	\$351,000
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
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REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will increase state general fund expenditures for the LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry (LDAF). This bill requires LDAF to design, create, and maintain a new, publicly-accessible online database for the LA Farm to School Program containing information on schools and farmers interested and able to partake in the program. LDAF anticipates the need for 1 additional T.O. position for IT support to create and maintain the database at a cost of \$46,200 annually. Anticipated first year development costs, including development of software and hardware purchases for the database, total \$72,000. LDAF estimates that maintenance expenses beyond the first year total will be \$12,000. Based upon these estimates, the program carries an expenditure increase of \$118,200 in FY 16 and \$58,200 in subsequent years.

The LA Department of Education (LDOE) does not anticipate an expenditure impact related to implementing the proposed legislation. However, should LDOE participate in the LA Farm to School Program, it may realize an annual increase in expenditures up to the Federal Small Purchase Threshold defined in 41 U.S.C. 403(11) related to purchasing commodities directly from farmers for use in school lunches statewide. The superintendent of education or his designee will be responsible for determining purchases through a bid process and must report them to the school governing authority in a public forum.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {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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