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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Washington Parish Reservoir District/Bogue Chitto State Park		

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Repeals the Washington Parish Reservoir District and authorizes the donation of any remaining property and excess funds to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism in support of the Bogue Chitto State Park. (8/1/19)

Present law creates a recreation and water conservation and reservoir district as a political subdivision known as the "Washington Parish Reservoir District" for the purpose of creating, maintaining, and operating a single reservoir in Washington Parish. Present law provides for a board of commissioners and specifies the board's duties and responsibilities. Present law transfers the Washington Parish Reservoir District to the Department of Transportation and Development. Proposed law repeals present law with regard to the Washington Parish Reservoir District. Proposed law directs the board of commissioners to take appropriate action to collect any funds due and owing to the district and to pay or satisfy any outstanding obligations and liabilities of the district. Proposed law directs all of the equipment, vehicles, supplies, books, records, documents, papers, monies, actions, or any other item of property and the improvements thereon, both movable or immovable, heretofore owned, held, used, operated, or maintained by the district in the exercise of its functions shall be transferred to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT). Any monies transferred to the CRT shall be deposited into the Louisiana State Parks Improvement and Repair Fund to be used, subject to legislative appropriation, for Bogue Chitto State Park for expanding recreation.

EXPENDITURES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
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>
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure is indeterminable. Proposed law will transfer any immovable or movable property and any funds that remain from the Washington Parish Reservoir District (WPRD) to the Secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT) in support of the Bogue Chitto State Park for expanding recreation.

The Secretary of CRT is directed to conduct a town hall meeting no later than August 1, 2020, to determine the best options for expanding recreation for Washington Parish at Bogue Chitto State Park. To the extent the Secretary develops plans to support the expansion of recreation at Bogue Chitto State Park, CRT will realize an expenditure of existing fund balances. As these plans are yet to be decided, the amounts and fiscal year impacts are unknown. Expenditures are anticipated from SGF and General Obligation Bond balances in prior year capital outlay appropriations. Until plans are finalized, direct impacts to CRT operating expenses are unknown and speculative. However, to the extent the assets and property donated to Bogue Chitto State Park may expand the operational footprint of the Office of State Parks, the department may incur additional expenditures out of SGF or statutory dedications that would require legislative appropriation.

NOTE: The Louisiana Legislative Auditor issued a report on August 23, 2017, that reported a remaining balance of approximately \$817,000 out of capital outlay and SGF direct appropriations of \$3,025,000 between 2002 and 2007 to WPRD. The LFO has received unconfirmed reports that a remaining balance of approximately \$700,000 exists, against which there are reportedly some nominal outstanding encumbrances associated with WPRD expenditures. The LFO will update future fiscal notes as additional information becomes available regarding the remaining balance and outstanding obligations associated with WPRD.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

NOTE: To the extent a remaining balance of unspent funds associated with WPRD exists, proposed law directs that the funds be donated to the Secretary of the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT) to support Bogue Chitto State Park for expanding recreation. The current available balance is anticipated to be approximately \$700,000, against which there are reportedly some nominal outstanding encumbrances associated with WPRD expenditures.

The LFO will update future fiscal notes as additional information becomes available regarding the available balance to be transferred to CRT.

Proposed law directs any monies transferred to the CRT shall be deposited into the Louisiana State Parks Improvement and Repair Fund to be used, subject to legislative appropriation, for Bogue Chitto State Park for expanding recreation.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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