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**Fiscal Note**



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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> LA Sales Tax Simplification Task Force		

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Creates the Louisiana Sales Tax Simplification Task Force to develop a comprehensive plan to simplify Louisiana's sales tax administration and collection system.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Sales Tax Simplification Task Force, and appoints 15 members, including the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the chairmen of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee and Ways and Means Committee, the Secretary of the Department of Revenue (LDR), the Commissioner of Administration, and representatives from several associations and boards (or any designees). Proposed law provides that members shall serve with no compensation except for the per diem to which they are entitled.

Proposed law directs the Task Force to collect information and craft recommendations regarding several subject areas in support of developing a comprehensive plan for simplifying the state's sales tax administration and collection system. Proposed law requires an interim report to be submitted no later than March 1, 2021, and a final report no later than February 1, 2022, that may be used as a basis to introduce legislation no later than the 2022 Regular Session.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW				
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>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law authorizes no compensation for serving on the Task Force other than the per diem to which members are entitled. To the extent that the task force meets outside of scheduled legislative sessions, the legislature may incur additional per diem expenditures.

The legislative member per diem rate is \$161 and the mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.575/mile. While four legislative members or designees would serve on the Committee, the frequency of potential meetings is unknown, and the potential expenditure impact is indeterminable, but are likely to be minor. Legislative expenditures are paid from the SGF.

Proposed law provides that the House, Senate, Legislative Auditor, and Legislative Fiscal Office will staff the Task Force, and that additional staffing may be requested from the Dept of Revenue (LDR). Preparation of reports and documentation will result in potential increased periodic workloads for legislative and potentially LDR employees. Given the two-year timeline of the Task Force, this workload increase is assumed to be attainable with existing staff and resources.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
 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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