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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 50** HLS 202ES 128
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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FISHING/OYSTERS OR -\$25,750 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Reduces the oyster seed ground vessel permit fee and creates associated gear fees (Item #32)

Proposes to lower the yearly permit fee for the Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit from \$250 to \$50 for a resident and from \$1,000 to \$200 for a nonresident. Proposed law also creates the Public Oyster Seed Ground gear license, for the harvest of oysters on public seed grounds using a single scraper, at \$200 per year for a resident and \$800 a year for a nonresident. The proposed law also allows fishers to purchase a second gear license in order to operate a second scraper on their vessel.

Current law requires fishers to only possess the Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit, while the proposed law requires that fishers possess a vessel permit fee and a gear license in order to harvest oysters from the public seed grounds.

Effective December 27, 2020.

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

REVENUES	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$128,750)
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	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$25,750)	(\$128,750)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be a decrease in revenue of a minimum of \$25,750 each fiscal year to the statutorily dedicated Public Oyster Seed Ground Development Account for the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) as a result of this measure. The revenue loss is a conservative estimate as the proposed law enables a vessel owner to hold a permit without obtaining a gear license unless harvesting oysters on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds. LDWF calculated the decrease in revenue based upon the historical data from license year 2019.

Current Law

Resident Permit

Single Scraper \$250 x 114 permits = \$28,500
 2nd Scraper \$500 x 351 permits = \$175,500
 Total Resident Revenue = \$204,000

Nonresident Permit

Single Scraper \$1,000 x 36 permits = \$36,000
 2nd Scraper \$2,000 x 41 permits = \$82,000
 Total Nonresident Revenue = \$118,000

TOTAL REVENUE UNDER CURRENT LAW = \$322,000

Proposed Law

Resident Permit and Gear License

Permit \$50 x 465 permits = \$23,250
 Single Scraper Gear License
 \$200 x 465 licenses = \$93,000
 2nd Scraper Gear License
 \$200 x 351 licenses = \$70,200
 Total Estimated Resident Revenue = \$186,450

Nonresident Permit and Gear License

Permit \$200 x 77 permits = \$15,400
 Single Scraper Gear License
 \$800 x 77 licenses = \$61,600
 2nd Scraper Gear License
 \$800 x 41 licenses = \$32,800
 Total Estimated Resident Revenue = \$109,800

TOTAL REVENUE UNDER PROPOSED LAW = \$296,250

NET REVENUE DIFFERENCE (\$25,750)

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

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(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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