

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 541** HLS 21RS 962

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| <b>Date:</b> April 25, 2021                | 2:18 PM | <b>Author:</b> ILLG            |
| <b>Dept./Agy.:</b> LA Gaming Control Board |         | <b>Analyst:</b> Patrice Thomas |
| <b>Subject:</b> Electronic Gaming Devices  |         |                                |

GAMING EG -\$249,286 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides relative to the central computer monitoring system of electronic gaming devices located at certain gaming facilities

Under present law, all licensed video draw poker devices, video pull-tabs, electronic gaming devices on licensed riverboats, and slot machines at live racing facilities are connected by telecommunications to a central computer system that provides complete and unrestricted access to the information contained within their centralized computer to the Office of State Police and the LA Gaming Control Board for monitoring. Proposed law provides that each facility be connected to their own central computer system, casino management system, and slot machine management system, which State Police and the Board would have complete and unrestricted access to the information contained in the electronic gaming devices. Proposed law repeals the \$50 annual fee on each electronic gaming device connected to the central computer system collected by State Police.

| <b>EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>2021-22</b>     | <b>2022-23</b>     | <b>2023-24</b>     | <b>2024-25</b>     | <b>2025-26</b>     | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| State Gen. Fd.      | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Agy. Self-Gen.      | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Ded./Other          | (\$200,000)        | (\$200,000)        | (\$200,000)        | (\$200,000)        | (\$200,000)        | <b>(\$1,000,000)</b> |
| Federal Funds       | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Local Funds         | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | <b>\$0</b>           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>(\$200,000)</b> | <b>(\$200,000)</b> | <b>(\$200,000)</b> | <b>(\$200,000)</b> | <b>(\$200,000)</b> | <b>(\$1,000,000)</b> |

  

| <b>REVENUES</b>     | <b>2021-22</b>     | <b>2022-23</b>     | <b>2023-24</b>     | <b>2024-25</b>     | <b>2025-26</b>     | <b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b> |
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| Ded./Other          | (\$249,286)        | (\$249,286)        | (\$249,286)        | (\$249,286)        | (\$249,286)        | <b>(\$1,246,430)</b> |
| Federal Funds       | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | <b>\$0</b>           |
| Local Funds         | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | \$0                | <b>\$0</b>           |
| <b>Annual Total</b> | <b>(\$249,286)</b> | <b>(\$249,286)</b> | <b>(\$249,286)</b> | <b>(\$249,286)</b> | <b>(\$249,286)</b> | <b>(\$1,246,430)</b> |

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law is anticipated to decrease statutory dedicated funds expenditures from Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund by \$200,000 within the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Office of State Police as the result no longer administering a central computer system. The proposed law no longer requires riverboats and the land-based casino to connect to a central computer system administered by State Police. Also, the \$50 fee assessed by State Police to help defray the cost of administering the central computer system is repealed under this measure. The department reports that the annual maintenance cost of the central computer system is approximately \$200,000.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in decreased revenues deposited into the statutorily dedicated Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund of \$249,286 for the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police. The proposed law repeals the \$50 fee assessed by State Police on each gaming licensee that connects to the central computer system. Based on historical collections, the department anticipates a revenue loss of \$249,286 annually.

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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