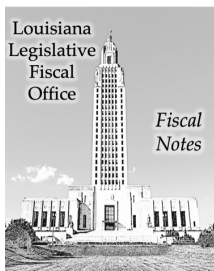


**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 49** HLS 21RS 309
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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WEIGHTS/MEASURES EG +\$619,185 SD RV See Note Page 1 of 1
 Increases certain weights and measures registration and license fees under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 Proposed law increases the fees for certain weights and measures registration and license fees under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry in present law as follows: Category 1 from \$35 to a range of up to \$50; Category 2 from \$80 to a range of up to \$135; and Category 3 from \$185 to a range of up to \$250. Proposed law increases the weighmaster license fee from \$75 to \$100. Proposed law increases the registration fee for each service person from \$50 to \$65.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</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>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</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	\$619,185	\$619,185	\$619,185	\$619,185	\$619,185	\$3,095,925
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
Annual Total	\$619,185	\$619,185	\$619,185	\$619,185	\$619,185	\$3,095,925

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Although the proposed law does not require additional expenditures, expenditures could increase to the extent additional revenues are generated by the fee increases and subsequently appropriated by the legislature. The LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) reports that funds will be used to maintain sustainability for the Weights and Measures Division, including modernization of equipment and purchase of vehicles.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will significantly increase statutorily dedicated revenues to Weights and Measures Fund from increased fees related to the registration of commercial weighing and measuring devices, weighmaster licenses, and registration of service persons. Based on the prior year's collections on registration fees for commercial weighing and measuring devices, the LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) anticipates the proposed law will increase statutory dedicated revenue from the Weights and Measure Fund by \$619,185 annually. The estimate assumes the same number of registrations and inspections as prior years.

Fee Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Additional Revenue Generated
Category 1 Scales	\$35	\$50	\$292,320
Category 2 Scales	\$80	\$135	\$ 82,445
Category 3 Scales	\$185	\$250	\$109,590
Weightmaster License	\$75	\$100	\$121,600
Service Tech	\$50	\$65	<u>\$ 13,230</u>
Total			\$619,185

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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