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Fiscal Note On: **SB 86** SLS 22RS 142

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Establishing a Bear Hunting Season in Louisiana		

WILDLIFE/FISHERIES DEPT

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Provides for a bear hunting season in Louisiana. (8/1/22)

Present law authorizes the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish rules and regulations for hunting, taking, possession, or protection of wild quadrupeds and birds, including the adoption of seasons and possession limits.

Proposed law requires the commission to establish a bear hunting season, beginning 2023, by defining dates, times, and area. In addition, proposed law requires the commission to manage the bear population by setting limits, prohibiting the taking of bears tagged with radios, prohibiting the use of dogs or bait, and establishing a lottery system to issue tags, as well as any other necessary limitations. Proposed law requires the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to issue an annual report, beginning January 15, 2024, to the commission of the number of bears taken, the number of tags issued, the estimated bear population, and any additional relevant data.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) anticipates an indeterminable, but minimal, increase in expenditures from Federal funds as a result of this measure. Funds will be needed to purchase the supplies necessary, including tags and biological measuring equipment, to implement a bear hunting season in the state of Louisiana. Upon passage of proposed law, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will be responsible for establishing rules regarding the bear season which would determine the amount of supplies necessary for the department to purchase. Thus, the increase in expenditure is indeterminable at this time. The department is able to use the land lease values utilized for wildlife management areas to draw down dollars from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for this purpose.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase revenues to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries by an interminable, but minimal, amount. Proposed law would require the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish rules regarding a bear hunt season, which would include a lottery system to issue tags. The department currently offers various lottery hunts and charges a fee per tag. The department anticipates a similar fee would be associated with bear tags. Until the commission establishes the rules, the department is not able to determine how much, if any, the fee will be. These fees are likely to be categorized as either SGR or Statutory Dedication.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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

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