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 Creates the Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Program

Proposed law creates the LA Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Program and the LA Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Advisory Board (domiciled in Baton Rouge) within the LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) to support the growth and development of the industrial hemp industry. Under proposed law, the advisory board of 11 members appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner of Agriculture based on nominations from the LA Farm Bureau Federation, LSU and SU Ag Centers, Senate and House Agriculture Committees, industrial hemp professions, and certain associations. Proposed law requires the Commissioner to serve as an ex officio member. Proposed law prohibits members of the board from receiving any compensation. Proposed law provides for the organization and administration of the board, the length of terms, vacancies, quorum, expulsions, meeting requirements, the appointment of officers, duties of the board, and submit an annual report to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees by January 31st of each year. Proposed law requires the Commissioner to expend all funds made available to effectuate the purposes of the proposed law.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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						
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to result in an indeterminable, but minimal, increase in state expenditures associated with travel reimbursements. The proposed law creates the LA Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Program as well as the LA Industrial Hemp Promotion and Research Advisory Board within the LA Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF).

The 11 members of the board shall serve without compensation; however, board members not domiciled in Baton Rouge may receive travel and other reimbursements as permitted in the official state Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM49) for attending board meetings. This fiscal note assumes that LDAF will provide administrative support to the advisory board, which shall meet at least twice a year, including submitting an annual report to both the House and Senate Agriculture committees. For informational purposes, the current mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.56 per mile not to exceed a maximum of 99 miles per round trip and/or day. While there may be costs associated with travel reimbursement and administrative support of the advisory board provided by LDAF, they are expected to be minimal and absorbed within the department's existing operating budget.

Also, under the proposed law, the Commissioner of Agriculture may use any funds available (gifts, contributions, donations, state appropriations, and federal grants) to develop educational materials and programs about industrial hemp as well as contract for industrial hemp research. To the extent that funding is available, expenditures within LDAF is anticipated to increase by an indeterminable amount as educational materials are disseminated and contracts to conduct industrial hemp research are executed.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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