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Separates litter abatement responsibilities, grant program, and fund account from the environmental education section of the Department of Education, and places them with the Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism

Proposed law removes litter reduction, litter control awareness, the litter abatement grant program, and the private sector anti-litter programs under the Department of Education (LDE) and places them each under the office of the secretary for the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT). Creates the "litter abatement account" within the Conservation Fund; directs that a portion of littering fines and court costs paid and a portion of the fees collected for the issuance and renewal of driver's licenses into this account for litter abatement grants, enforcement, and to support community-based litter abatement programs. Creates the "environmental education account" within the Conservation fund and directs that donations from the environmental education special prestige license plate be credited to the account for statewide environmental education, grant programs, curriculum and teacher education and professional development requirements, and litter education and awareness programs and materials.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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						

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will split funds that are currently being deposited into the Litter Abatement and Education Account into two accounts: the Litter Abatement Account under the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT) to provide litter reduction awareness and initiatives; and the Environmental Education Account under the Department of Education (LDE) to provide environmental education programming. As a result, the LDE will experience a reduction in statutory dedications expenditures. The LDE will require an estimated \$78,385 SGF in FY 23 and beyond to maintain the position and operating expenditures associated with environmental education programming.

The LDE estimates FY 23 program costs will be \$145,672 for one existing position and operating expenditures associated with the Environmental Commission, an annual symposium, and other environmental education initiatives under the purview of the Department. Costs include: \$104,414 for an Education Program Consultant 3 position (\$72,010 salary and \$32,404 related benefits); \$25,000 for event costs such as rental space, travel, and food; \$15,000 for the LA Coastal Fellowship Program, including training opportunities and coaching for selected fellows; and \$1,258 for operating costs such as travel and supplies. Costs are anticipated to increase annually to provide market rate adjustments. Annual SGF need will depend on the extent to which program costs exceed statutory dedications revenues received by the LDE through the newly created derived Environmental Education Account, currently projected at \$78,385, however, actual amounts will vary.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will split funds that are currently being deposited into the Litter Abatement and Education Account into two accounts: the Litter Abatement Account under CRT, and the Environmental Education Account under the LDE. Funds derived from motor vehicle license fees will be deposited into the Litter Abatement Account, and funds derived from the sale of environmental education license plates will be deposited into the Environmental Education Account.

Based on average collections for the prior two years, it is projected that \$324,742 will be deposited into the Litter Abatement Account and \$67,287 will be deposited into the Environmental Education Account for a total of \$392,029. Actual statutory dedications funding for CRT and the LDE is indeterminable and will vary based on collections.

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