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Fiscal Note

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CONSERVATION REF SEE FISC NOTE SD EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Creates and provides for the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program

Proposed law establishes the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) for the purpose of selecting and funding outdoor conservation projects in Louisiana. Proposed law provides for the composition of a project selection board who will make the final decision on which projects will be funded under the program and a technical advisory board who will receive and evaluate applications, based on eligibility requirements provided for in proposed law, and forward assessments to the project selection board.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund within the Conservation Fund to be used for administration of the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program and provide funding for outdoor conservation projects. LDWF shall administer the program and fund and adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program.

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in a Statutory Dedication - Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund expenditure increase to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) to administer the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program. LDWF reports that once the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program and the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund is approved and funded, the agency may need additional personnel to administer the program. The department is unable to determine at this time whether additional personnel is needed until the number and size of projects is determined. Once the boards are created and the program's criteria is developed, LDWF will be able to better estimate the administrative cost required to effectively administer the program.

Proposed law creates the statutorily dedicated Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund and directs LDWF to establish criteria to determine which outdoor conservation projects should receive funding. Proposed law does not identify a recurring source of revenue to be deposited into the fund, specifying it shall consist of all monies appropriated, granted, donated, or gifted for the purposes of the program. To this end, proposed law does not create a material expenditure associated with the fund. The LFO assumes that any monies deposited into the fund will require specific appropriation by the legislature.

Creating a new statutory dedication within the state treasury will result in a marginal workload increase for the Department of Treasury, which can generally be absorbed within existing resources. However, to the extent other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be additional material costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking, and custodial functions for 436 special funds. When unable to absorb additional workload with existing resources, the Treasury anticipates that it will be required to add one T.O. position at a total personnel services cost of approximately \$73,000 plus approximately \$2,450 for a one-time purchase of new office equipment. These expenditures are assumed to be SGF in this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Proposed law creates the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Fund that will fund the Louisiana Outdoors Forever Program.

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	House <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	
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