



**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 540** HLS 23RS 758
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Port and Harbor Police		

PORTS/HARBORS/TERMINALS EG INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Establishes a port and harbor police force for ports meeting certain requirements

Purpose of Bill: This bill authorizes port districts in parishes with a population of 57,000 to 57,400 (only Vermilion Parish meets this criteria) and 68,000 to 73,000 (only Iberia Parish meets this criteria) to establish a port and harbor police force. These police officers will have law enforcement powers similar to those of sheriffs, including the power of arrest.

Currently, only the Twin Parish Port Commission meets the criteria established in this bill.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local government expenditures for the Twin Parish Port Commission by \$50,000 annually.

An official with the Twin Parish Port Commission informed us that Commission expenditures may increase by approximately \$50,000 annually to hire an officer.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local government revenues for the Twin Parish Port Commission by \$15,000-\$20,000 annually.

An official with the Twin Parish Port Commission indicated that the Commission’s revenues could increase by approximately \$15,000-\$20,000 annually because the police force will assist the Commission in better enforcing the Commission’s existing ordinances/fees (e.g. public boat launch fees).

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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