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Fiscal Note On: **HB 627** HLS 23RS 1093

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: **w/ PROP HSE COMM AMD**

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Imported Seafood Safety Fund	

SEAFOOD OR +\$1,875 SG RV See Note
Provides relative to a fee increase for the Imported Seafood Safety Fund

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Present law provides that monies in the Imported Seafood Safety Fund shall be appropriated to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Proposed law provides that such monies shall be appropriated to the Louisiana State University (LSU) Agricultural Center, and that the LSU Agricultural Center shall utilize those monies for the purpose of sampling, analysis, testing, and monitoring of foreign raw seafood products which are imported into Louisiana. Proposed law increases the imported seafood safety fee from \$100 to \$125 annually.

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.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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						
REVENUES	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.	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$9,375
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	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$9,375

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law shifts responsibility for the sampling, analysis, testing, and monitoring of foreign raw seafood products from LDH to the LSU Agricultural Center. This will result in an increase in costs to the LSU Agricultural Center and a corresponding decrease in costs to LDH. The LFO has not received information from the LSU Agricultural Center regarding the costs to conduct the sampling, analysis, testing, and monitoring of foreign raw seafood products. The LFO will update this fiscal note when such information becomes available.

For informational purposes, LDH reports that the cost of testing is \$332 per test.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGR revenues from the imported seafood safety fee. Proposed law increases the fee by \$25. LDH estimates that approximately 75 seafood permit holders sell imported seafood. Therefore, the expected increase in annual fee revenues is \$1,875. Proposed law makes the LSU Agricultural Center the recipient of all revenues from the fee, rather than LDH.

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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