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Fiscal Note On: **SB 42** SLS 23RS 126

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Creates the LA Watershed Initiative; Management Council	

WATER MANAGEMENT RE NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 1
Creates the Louisiana Watershed Initiative. (8/1/23)

Proposed law creates the Watershed Management Council within the Division of Administration to develop, implement, and manage the Louisiana Watershed Initiative which is a statewide, comprehensive watershed planning process, which fosters the collaboration management of flood risks by local, state, and regional governmental entities. The council is composed of 15 members. Proposed law prohibits members of the council from receiving any compensation however members can receive travel reimbursements. Proposed law provides for the powers and duties of the council, including creating, updating, and revising a statewide watershed plan, establishing temporary steering committees, approving permanent regional watershed coalitions, allocating funds to those coalitions, and promulgating rules and regulations to implement the watershed initiative. Proposed law provides that regional watershed coalitions are political subdivisions of the state. Proposed law provides for the duties and powers of regional watershed coalitions. Proposed law repeals present law that creates the Floodplain Evaluation and Management Commission. Proposed law effective 8/01/2023.

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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. In May 2018, Executive Order JBE 18-16 created the Council on Watershed Management that governs the LA Watershed Initiative. The proposed law codifies this executive order into the LA Revised Statutes. The Division of Administration has reported that the Council on Watershed Management receives a Federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation funds. Federal grant funding is provided to eight (8) watershed regions through the Regional Capacity Building Grant Program. This fiscal note presumes that the Division of Administration will provide administrative support to the council; however, these costs are expected to be minimal and absorbed within their existing operating budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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}

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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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