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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 655** HLS 23RS 2572  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.: **HB 572**

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Alcohol and Tobacco Control, LA Dept. of Health	
<b>Subject:</b> Kratom Consumer Protection Act	<b>Analyst:</b> Patrice Thomas

CONSUMERS/PROTECTION RE +\$88,100 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to kratom products

Proposed law creates the Kratom Consumer Protection Act and requires processors of kratom to adhere to product limitations that exclude dangerous non-kratom substances and requires kratom products to have certain levels of residual solvents as well as certain concentrations and compounds. Proposed law requires the package of a kratom product to contain certain information. Proposed law prohibits the distribution and sale of kratom products to minors, under 21 years old and provides for procedures to verify the age of the purchaser before completing a sale. Proposed law requires kratom products to be stored and displayed in an area not accessible to the public. On or before February 1, 2024, the proposed law requires the Commissioner of the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) to submit a report to the legislature on the feasibility of regulating kratom products, processors, and retailers. Proposed law requires kratom processors to submit adverse events (AE) reports to the LA Department of Health and U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Proposed law provides that local governmental entities may enact stricter regulations on kratom products or prohibit the sale of kratom products.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>2027-28</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$88,100	\$84,080	\$85,761	\$87,476	\$89,226	<b>\$434,643</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will increase SGR expenditures in the LA Department of Revenue, Office of Alcohol Tobacco and Control (ATC) by \$88,100 for enforcement efforts, inspections, and compliance checks of kratom product retail locations. The proposed law creates the Kratom Consumer Protection Act. The proposed law authorizes ATC to seize kratom products from retail locations that violate this measure as contraband. In addition, the proposed law requires kratom processors to report an adverse event related to registered kratom products to the LA Department of Health.

**LA Department of Health (LDH)** - There is no anticipated impact on expenditures within the LA Department of Health (LDH) as a result of this measure. The department indicates receiving adverse event report from kratom processors required by this proposed law can be accomplished utilizing existing staffing and resources.

**LA Department of Revenue (LDR), Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC)** - The proposed law authorizes ATC to seize kratom products that violate the proposed law as contraband. Since agency does not currently monitor kratom businesses or products, ATC reports it will require one additional ATC Agent for a total annual personal services cost of \$82,431 (\$54,954 salary and \$27,477 related benefits) to implement this proposed law. Also, ATC reports a one-time expenditure for equipment costs for the ATC agent of \$5,669 in FY 24. In subsequent fiscal years, this fiscal note assumes a 2% market rate adjustment in salaries and related benefits. In future fiscal years, if kratom retail businesses or products expand dramatically, ATC may require additional resources over the estimate provided.

**EXPENDITURES**

Position	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
ATC Agent	\$82,431	\$84,080	\$85,761	\$87,476	\$89,226
Equipment	<u>\$5,669</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$88,100</b>	<b>\$84,080</b>	<b>\$85,761</b>	<b>\$87,476</b>	<b>\$89,226</b>
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**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}

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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