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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 225** SLS 23RS 535

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> June 7, 2023	11:26 AM	<b>Author:</b> POPE
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> City of Denham Springs		<b>Analyst:</b> James Bryant
<b>Subject:</b> Hotel Occupancy Tax		

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Authorizes the city of Denham Springs to levy a hotel occupancy tax. (gov sig)

**Purpose of Bill:** The bill authorizes the City of Denham Springs to impose a hotel occupancy tax not to exceed 6.75% of occupancy fees, subject to voter approval in an election held on the same date as a gubernatorial primary or a congressional primary election. The bill requires the City to use the tax proceeds to fund salaries and benefits for the City's fire and police department employees. Additionally, the bill authorizes the City to contract with an outside public entity to collect the tax and pay a collection fee to the collecting entity. The bill requires that expenditures made pursuant to the bill be in excess of the City's normal budgeted expenditures.

<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.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase local fund expenditures for the City by up to \$613,000 annually as the tax proceeds are spent in accordance with the bill and by up to \$1,800 for elections costs.**

Based on information obtained from the City and Livingston Parish School Board, a 6.75% hotel occupancy tax would generate \$613,000 annually. The tax proceeds can only be used to pay collection fees and salaries and benefits for the City's fire and police department employees. The City's expenditures will increase as the City uses the tax proceeds in accordance with the bill.

In addition, the bill requires the tax to be approved by voters in an election held on the same date as a gubernatorial primary or a congressional primary election. Information from the Louisiana Secretary of State indicates that the City's expenditures may increase by up to \$1,800 for an election for the tax, if held during the gubernatorial primary election in fall 2023.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**This bill may increase local fund revenue for the City by up to \$613,000 annually depending on whether the City levies a 6.75% tax and contracts with an outside entity to collect the taxes.**

Information obtained from the City and Livingston Parish School Board indicates that a 6.75% hotel occupancy tax would generate \$613,000 annually. The bill authorizes the City to contract with an outside public entity to collect the tax proceeds and to pay a collection fee to the collecting entity. Currently, the Livingston Parish School Board collects existing parish-wide hotel occupancy taxes on the hotels in the City. Assuming the City contracts with the Parish to collect these taxes, School Board revenues may increase by \$18,400 annually (\$613,000 x 3% collection fee), and City revenues may be increased by \$594,600 annually (\$613,000 - \$18,400).

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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