

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 536** HLS 24RS 836

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Exceptions for Simple Construction Projects	

CAPITAL OUTLAY

EG NO IMPACT See Note

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Increases the in-house cap for construction projects by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Current law provides that the Office of Facility Planning and Control manages repairs, renovations, or construction projects on state lands owned by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) which cost over \$250,000. Proposed law grants the department an exception to the \$250,000 limit for simple construction projects limited to habitat projects and uninhabited dwellings on LDWF owned land. The proposed limit applicable to these projects is equal to the exception threshold for professional services projects which are not required to be referred to professional services boards, currently in statute at \$500,000. Projects which meet these criteria are also exempted from the Capital Outlay process. Projects must be approved by the Commissioner of Administration and total costs cannot be artificially divided in order to qualify for the exemption from the capital outlay process. Projects using state general fund or that will incur debt are not eligible for the exemption.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has indicated a backlog of simple projects which would meet the criteria in the proposed law could be addressed through this measure. Project managers at the Office of Facility Planning and Control could see a minimal decrease in workload resulting from the exclusion of these projects in their processing.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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