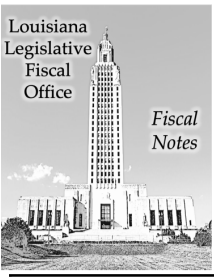


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Fiscal Note On: **HB 586** HLS 24RS 709

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

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ADMINISTRATION

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Establishes a Wildlife Rehabilitation Support Council within the office of the governor

Proposed law creates the Wildlife Rehabilitation Support Council within the office of the governor. Proposed law provides that the council must meet at least twice a year and that the council members will serve voluntarily and without compensation. Proposed law establishes a 5 members of the council: One representative from the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, the NOLA Wildlife Center, the Humane Society of LA, the Silent Voices Raccoon and Wildlife Rehabilitation, and the For the Birds of Acadiana. Proposed law requires that the council use monies collected through the sale of a special prestige license plate to fund a grant program for wildlife rehabilitators. Proposed law requires the council to establish rules for the use of funds and for grant applications, review applications and select grant recipients, and distribute grant money. Proposed law authorizes the council to establish other rules that may be necessary to implement the grant program. Proposed law requires that all money received from the sale of the license plates be used to support wildlife rehabilitation, except that five percent may be used to promote the license plate.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed will likely increase expenditures at DOTD by an indeterminable amount associated with the marketing and promoting of a prestige license plate and for administrative costs relative to the distribution of the monies. Proposed law provides that 5% of the monies generated from the sale and renewal of the prestige license plate be used to offset this cost. **However, it is important to note that, currently, the Office of Motor Vehicles is the agency responsible for collecting monies associated with the sale of prestige license plates, not DOTD.**

The proposed legislation may result in an indeterminable, but minimal, increase in SGF expenditures associated with meal, mileage, and lodging expenses to attend meetings pursuant to state travel regulations. This bill establishes the Wildlife Rehabilitation Support Council. The council consists of 5 members. The council members shall not receive compensation for their services or attendance at council meetings. However, to the extent that a member incurs travel expenses to attend meetings, the member may request reimbursement pursuant to state travel regulations. The bill indicates that there shall be a minimum of 2 meetings per year.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed law may increase self-generated revenues for the Department of Public Safety, Office of Motor Vehicles. To the extent the proposed law increases the number of applicants for the "Support Our Wildlife Rehabilitators" license plate, the department may realize an increase in self-generated revenues. The number of applicants is indeterminable. Presently, the Office of Motor Vehicles collects a \$25 one-time fee as well as a \$3.50 handling fee for every special prestige plate issued.

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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