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Subject: Louisiana Highway Construction Authority

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TRANSPORTATION DEPT

OR INCREASE GF EX See Note

Establishes the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority within the Office of the Governor, provides that the authority shall have distinct powers, duties, and responsibilities, designed to improve planning for the transportation needs of the state; provides that there shall be personnel to support the mission of the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office; provides that the authority seek avenues to secure resources for the planning and construction of transportation efforts in the state; and requires DOTD work in conjunction with the authority on all projects and plans pertaining to transportation needs in the state.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in expenditures for the administration and operation of the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority. Proposed law creates the Louisiana Highway Construction Authority as well as provides for personnel to support the authority, secure resources for the planning and construction of transportation efforts in the state, and requires the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to work in conjunction with the Authority on all projects and plans pertaining to the transportation needs in the state.

Proposed law does not provide any specifics related to the responsibilities of the authority, staffing levels, operating needs, or funding sources. The LFO anticipates staff will include a combination of professional, administrative, and support staff necessary for the authority to operate, which may lead to increased expenditures. The magnitude of the increase in expenditures will depend on how many new positions are created and the salaries set for the various positions, which is unknown at this time. To the extent the authority is able to utilize existing sources of funding for personnel, such as the Transportation Trust Fund, SGF expenditures may decrease accordingly.

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}

3.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} <u>House</u>

 \mathbf{X} 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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