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Fiscal Note On: **HB 517** HLS 11RS 985

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Culture, Recreation and Tourism		
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Relative to the Council for the Development of French in La. (CODOFIL), provides for per diem and expenses of members and authorizes French-speaking elected officials to serve as nonvoting council members

Present law creates the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and provides for the membership, consisting of 23 members, who serve without compensation.

Proposed law provides for members to receive no salary for their services as members, but authorizes a per diem of \$50 for attending meetings of the council and may be reimbursed for actual travel expenses in accordance with travel regulations of the division of administration. Additionally allows any French-speaking elected official in Louisiana to serve on the council as a nonvoting member. Such nonvoting members may be subject to the same provisions regarding compensation as appointed members.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

To the extent the per diem is paid and the travel expenses are reimbursed, the proposed legislation will increase expenditures by an indeterminable amount.

This bill does not require per diem and travel reimbursement, but does allow for such expenditures. By statute, CODOFIL (a 23 member board) is obligated to have at least one meeting per year. However, the chairman can call a meeting at any time at his discretion, either of the full board or the executive committee. Under a provision in this proposed legislation, French-speaking elected officials are allowed to attend meetings as non-voting members and will also receive the \$50 per diem and travel expenses. The number of meetings, number of attendee’s and location of the meetings is not known at this time. For illustrative purposes, to the extent there are 2 meetings annually with 35 attendees at each, estimated per diem expenses would be \$3,500 (35 attendees x 2 meetings x \$50) and estimated travel expenses would be \$3,326 (35 x \$47.52 x 2 meetings) annually. For travel expense estimation, the department used the maximum travel allowance (\$47.52) in accordance with travel regulations of the Division of Administration.

Since no specific funding is stated, it is assumed that state general funding will be utilized.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	<i>Evan Brasseaux</i>
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		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}	
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director