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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 376** HLS 13RS 879

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Atchafalaya Delta WMA	

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Provides for fees to be charged for mooring access in the Atchafalaya Delta WMA and creates the Atchafalaya Delta WMA Mooring account in the Conservation Fund

Proposed law authorizes the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, through the Administrative Procedure Act, to establish a mooring program in the Atchafalaya Delta Wildlife Management Area (WMA). The department shall locate mooring pilings where appropriate and lease such pilings through a mooring program that includes assignment of such mooring sites through a lottery system developed by the department and through a bid process for premium mooring sites as designated by the department. Provides that 40% of the sites shall be made available through the bidding and 60% shall be available through the lottery system. Mooring fees for sites acquired through the lottery system shall be established by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission not to exceed \$300 for two pilings or \$500 for three or more pilings. Creates the Atchafalaya Delta WMA Mooring account as a special account in the Conservation Fund and all fees collected shall be deposited into the account. All monies in the fund shall be used solely for the development, construction, maintenance, and dredging of mooring sites in the Atchafalaya WMA.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</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>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries currently has the existing sites.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation would increase revenues to the newly created Atchafalaya Delta WMA Mooring account in the Conservation Fund, which is being created to manage and maintain mooring sites for public use at Atchafalaya Delta WMA. The exact amount of revenue for the program is indeterminable at this time. Currently there are between 65 and 75 mooring sites depending on the vessel size. Approximately 40% of these sites will be leased through a bidding process and 60% will be designated by lottery with the minimum set by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. The minimum estimated increase in revenues would be \$13,000 (65 sites at \$200 per site) and the maximum estimated increase in revenues would be \$32,500 (65 sites at \$500 per site). These estimates are based on the projected minimum established by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (based on historical rates), and the maximum allowed by the proposed legislation.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {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}

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