

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 654** HLS 13RS 785

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: DOTD

Subject: Toll Violations Analyst: Travis McIlwain

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Provides with respect to toll violations

Proposed legislation provides for toll violation notices to be sent via e-mail for violators not paying tolls on LA - 1 Toll Bridge and Crescent City Connection Bridge. Proposed legislation provides that registered owner will be notified sooner that if violation notices are not paid, then the violator's drivers license cannot be renewed. Proposed law eliminates the \$15 and \$20 notice of delinquency fee. Proposed law provides that the section of law that impacts the Crescent City Connection is contingent upon the May 5, 2013 toll vote.

| EXPENDITURES | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | DECREASE | |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in an indeterminable decrease in state expenditures (Transportation Trust Fund) as the toll violation notice process in the proposed law is being amended and streamlined through the use of e-mail notifications and the elimination of 2 delinquency fee notices. The current law provides for the following: 1.) Violation notice with an administrative fee attached, 2.) Notice of Delinquency with administrative fee and \$5 late fee attached (30 days late), 3.) Notice of Delinquency with administrative fee and \$15 late fee attached (45 days late), 4.) Notice of Delinquency with administrative fee and \$20 late fee attached (60 days late).

In addition, the current law provides for the violation clerk to notify the violator and the OMV during the 3rd delinquency notice (\$20 fee notice) of not being able to renew driver's license until such fees and tolls are paid. This bill provides for this notice to happen much sooner (\$5 fee notice). This bill also eliminates 2 of the 3 delinquency notices (\$15 fee notice & \$20 fee notice), which will result in an indeterminable savings to DOTD.

Based upon scenarios submitted to the LFO by DOTD, this bill could result in decreased costs in the amount of approximately \$653,000. These expenditure savings can be attributed to printing and mailing costs by eliminating one of the delinquency notice requirements.

NOTE: Due to the May 5, 2013 vote outcome, this bill will impact the Crescent City Connection Bridge as tolls will no longer be collected. Thus, the scenarios submitted by DOTD could be different because the CCC Bridge is included.

This bill is silent as to how DOTD will collect email addresses of toll payers.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in an indeterminable decrease in Transportation Trust Fund revenue collections. This bill provides for the toll violation notice process to be streamlined through the use of e-mail notifications and the elimination of a delinquency fee. The proposed statutory change eliminates the \$15 & \$20 delinquency notice fee, which could decrease the amount of revenues flowing into TTF, but by eliminating this fee there will be a corresponding decrease in state expenditures. Based upon scenarios submitted to the LFO by DOTD, this bill could result in decreased revenues in the amount of \$663,000.

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| □ 13.5.1 >= \$ | 100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost { | S&H} \square 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S} | Evan | Brasseaux |
| 13.5.2 >= \$ | 500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | $\square 6.8(G) >= $500,000 \text{ Tax or Fee Increase}$ or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | Evan Brasseaux Staff Director | • |