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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SCR 105** SLS 13RS 1846

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Direct DOTD to continue operations of certain ferries	

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Directs DOTD to continue operation of the Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries and to prescribe and collect equitable ferry charges.

Proposed concurrent resolution urges and requests DOTD to continue operations of the Edgard/Reserve and White Castle ferries and to prescribe and collect ferry charges to supplement state funds used for such ferry services.

<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.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						

  

<b>REVENUES</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>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed concurrent resolution urges and requests DOTD to continue operating the Reserve and White Castle ferries. This will result in an indeterminable increase in SGR expenditures, a reallocation of Statutory Dedications - Transportation Trust Fund - Regular expenditures, and an increase of approximately 17 T.O. (5 at White Castle, 12 at Edgard).

House Bill 1 currently does not include an appropriation or allocation to provide for operation of these ferry services. A directive to continue providing for operation of these ferries from the Transportation Trust Fund will result in a reallocation of funds from other activities within the Operations Program, likely in the area of contract maintenance and/or acquisition of road repair materials.

In FY 12, the White Castle/Carville ferry expended \$1,336,488 (\$1,320,746 TTF - Regular and \$15,743 SGR) for operations, with 7,262 crossings and a traffic count of 51,360 vehicles and 350 pedestrians. The Edgard/Reserve ferry expended \$2,214,394 (\$2,137,080 TTF - Regular and \$77,314 SGR) for operations, with 15,112 crossings and a traffic count of 192,952 vehicles and 5,919 pedestrians.

DOTD will also be responsible for periodic dry docking of the ferries for repairs and maintenance at an indeterminable cost.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed concurrent resolution may result in an indeterminable increase in SGR revenues, as it authorizes and directs DOTD to prescribe and collect ferry charges to supplement state funds (Statutory Dedications - Transportation Trust Fund - Regular) to continue operation of the Edgard/Reserve and White Castle/Carville ferries.

In FY 12, the White Castle/Carville ferry collected a total of \$15,743 in ferry tolls and script sales. The Edgard/Reserve ferry collected a total of \$77,314 in ferry tolls and script sales. The LFO assumes the department may raise the current \$1 per crossing fare but cannot estimate the amount of the new fare or the potential elasticity impact on ridership that a higher fare may produce.

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