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Fiscal Note

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Provides relative to the licensing of gas fitters

Purpose of Bill: The measure empowers the Louisiana State Plumbing Board (board) to license persons as residential and commercial gas fitters and provides for such licensing fees.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in self-generated expenditures as a result of this measure.

An official with the board indicated that this bill may create demand for additional personnel at approximately \$25,000 annually. Additional expenditures may include test development and use of 3rd party testing personnel. However, the exact amounts are indeterminable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in self-generated revenues as a result of this measure.

Officials with the board indicated that revenues may increase due to the licensing of residential and commercial gas fitters, but the exact amounts are indeterminable.

Officials indicated that it is difficult to determine how many people would participate each year due to data limitations. However, they estimate a possible 20% participation rate for current artisans in the first two fiscal years with a decrease in participation in later years.

The board estimates that there are currently about 6,438 artisans (4,655 licensed plumbers + 819 water supply specialists + 964 medical gas fitters) eligible to participate. If there is an initial 20% participation rate, then 1,288 artisans would apply for the license at a \$150 application fee each. Therefore, revenues could increase by \$193,200 annually in the first two fiscal years. The initial increases may gradually decline in subsequent years.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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