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Provides with respect to the Alexandria Regional Port

Purpose of Bill: This bill changes the territorial limits of the port from the city of Alexandria to the parish of Rapides, renaming it the Alexandria-Pineville Regional Port Authority. This bill provides for a 9 member board of commissioners which will replace the current 8 member board and specifies how the board members will be appointed and the duration of their terms. Additionally, this bill specifies the powers of the board members, including the power to levy taxes and issue debt, and authorizes the board to exercise all powers necessary for the operation of the port.

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

The effect of this bill on governmental expenditures is indeterminable at this time.

According to an official with the Alexandria Regional Port, expanding the port's boundaries will provide more land and other resources for economic development which will be used to attract new tenants for the port. However, there are currently no specific plans, so it is not possible to estimate the impact on governmental expenditures at this time.

This official also indicated that the additional board member resulting from this bill will not significantly increase the expenses of the port because board members are not compensated, but they may be reimbursed for related expenses or given a reasonable travel allowance.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The overall effect of this bill on governmental revenues is indeterminable at this time. However, if approved by the voters, a tax of 10 mills on the additional taxable territory provided for in this bill could generate approximately \$4.1 million annually.

Current law provides for the port to levy a tax of up to 10 mills on all taxable property within the city of Alexandria, subject to voter approval, although this tax is not currently being levied. This bill would expand the territory subject to taxation to include all taxable property within Rapides Parish, and may increase local fund revenues for the Alexandria-Pineville Regional Port Authority by approximately \$4.1 million per year, assuming the maximum tax of 10 mills is approved by a majority of voters in a special election. This estimate is based on a \$407 million taxable value of property within the area of Rapides Parish that would be added to the port's territorial limits as a result of this bill. Because the bill does not specify when the election for this tax proposition will be held, we cannot determine the year in which the tax would be imposed and collected.

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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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