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Fiscal Note On: **SB 344** SLS 14RS 226

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Louisiana Catch and Cook Program		

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Provides for the Louisiana Catch and Cook Program within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. (8/1/14)

Proposed law authorizes restaurants to receive and prepare any freshwater or saltwater recreational fish. Creates the Louisiana Catch and Cook Program within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (DWF) and authorizes the secretary, in conjunction with DHH, to promulgate rules and regulations for the program. Provides certain content and requirements of the rules. Requires DWF to issue permits for retail food establishments who wish to participate in the program. Prohibits any fee for the application process or permit. Provides that the permit may be suspended or revoked by DWF for any violation of the rules and regulations of the program. Requires the DWF to provide names and locations of participating retail food establishments to DHH, office of public health upon request. Effective August 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Implementation of the proposed legislation would require a new class code in the Commercial Licensing system. This work can be done with existing Information Technology staff; therefore, no additional costs are associated with this change.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation may result in a decrease in revenues to the Conservation Fund. The proposed legislation seeks to allow a restaurant to prepare fish legally taken by a licensed recreational fisherman. If recreational fishermen are allowed to take fish directly to restaurants, they become suppliers to the restaurant. To the extent a significant number of recreational fishermen participate in this program, there may be decrease in the number of commercial fishermen and wholesale/retail dealers and a reduction of revenue to the department from the sale of commercial fishing and wholesale/retail licenses sold. Over the last 3 fiscal years the average revenue from the sale of these licenses has been \$3.25 million.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & 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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