

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 782 by Representative Thompson

WATER/RESOURCES: Deposits proceeds collected by the state from the use or withdrawal of surface water into the Aquatic Plant Control Fund for aquatic weed control and eradication

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Limits market value to a rate of not more than 15 cents per 1,000 gallons.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law authorizes the Dept. of Natural Resources to collect monies from entities that use or remove surface waters of the state. Present law allows entities who withdraw water from the state to reimburse the state at a fair market value that includes certain economic considerations.

Proposed law requires that entities who remove water from bodies, determined by the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries to be negatively impacted by invasive aquatic vegetation, to reimburse the state at a rate of not more than 15 cents per 1,000 gallons with no consideration for economic development or other considerations as provided in present law.

Present law establishes the Aquatic Plant Control Fund and deposits into the fund monies from boat trailer registration fees. Present law further provides that monies in the fund shall be used to control and eradicate aquatic weeds.

Proposed law retains present law and further deposits monies collected from the use or withdrawal of surface water owned by the state into the Aquatic Plant Control Fund. Proposed law further provides that revenues deposited into the fund from the use of water from bodies with aquatic weed should be used preferably in the treatment of aquatic weed on those bodies of water from which the revenue was generated.

(Amends R.S. 30:961(B) and R.S. 56:10.1(B); Adds R.S. 30:691(J) and (K))