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Fiscal Note**

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<b>Subject:</b> Notice to Property Owners	

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 Requires additional notice to certain property owners of meetings by a parish or municipality. (8/1/14)

**Purpose of Bill:** This measure provides for additional notice to property owners affected by pending public works projects. The measure provides for a good faith attempt to notify owners of record directly affected by a public works project. The notice is to be by regular mail at least ten days prior to a public hearing and include the time and place of the public hearing along with the general subject matter of the proposed public works project. The measure also provides that the state and political subdivisions of the state may adopt policies to give additional notice to owners of record directly affected by a public works project.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

**There may be an indeterminable increase in local government expenditures as a result of this measure.**

According to public works officials with various parishes and municipalities, this may cause an increase in expenditures, which could vary significantly with each project and in each parish or municipality depending on the size, type, and frequency of projects, for those parishes and municipalities that choose to provide the additional notice. Some properties will require more research to determine the ownership, since the owners may not live on the property and properties can have multiple owners. We contacted several sources in order to provide the following information:

According to an official with **East Baton Rouge Parish**, there is an average of 15 projects per meeting with 24 meetings per year. This is an annual average of approximately 360 projects. Assuming an average of 200 to 400 notices per project with a cost of \$1-2 per notice, the increase in expenditures may range from \$72,000 to \$288,000 per year. In addition, it may be necessary to hire an abstractor to determine the ownership of some properties at a cost of \$300 per property.

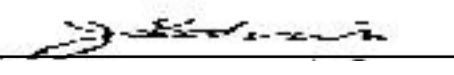
According to an official with **St. Landry Parish**, there is an average of seven projects per meeting with 12 meetings per year. This is an average of approximately 84 projects per year. Assuming an average of 10 to 50 notices per project with a cost of \$1-2 per notice, the increase in expenditures may range from \$840 to \$8,400.

According to an official with **Winn Parish**, there are no projects on a regular basis that will require the additional notice.

According to an official with the **Consolidated Gravity Drainage District #1 of Tangipahoa Parish**, this bill should have no impact on the district, because most of the projects are maintenance projects and not new projects that require hearings.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

**There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.**

Senate	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	House	<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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