

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 544** HLS 14RS 1326

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Penalties for fire prevention interference	

FIRE PROTECTION OR INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
Provides penalties for fire prevention interference

Present law provides that fire prevention interference is the intentional performance of any acts: (1) Defacing or destroying fire warning notices or posters. (2) Injuring, destroying, removing, or in any manner interfering with the use of any tools, equipment, towers, buildings, or telephone lines used in the detection, reporting or suppression of fire.

Whoever commits the crime of fire prevention interference shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for a period of not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law adds life systems to the definition of the crime and additionally adds the following two elements: (3) Obstructing exits, impeding egress, or exceeding the capacity or posted occupant load of a building or structure (4) Unauthorized use or proximate display as defined in R.S. 51:650(9), of fireworks in a building or structure.

<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 is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation is a misdemeanor; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Local law enforcement agencies may realize an indeterminable increase in expenditures associated with prison costs. The cost increase will depend on the number of persons convicted, the minimum sentence an offender serves, and the cost per day for a local law enforcement agency to incarcerate an offender.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental revenues as a result of this measure. However, any revenue generated through the imposition of fines created by this legislation would accrue to local governmental entities.

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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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