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**Fiscal Note**



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

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> 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 and authorizes the secretary to promulgate rules and regulations for the program. Requires that such rules must include identification of the fisherman, identification of fish, date and location of the catch, and signage in the restaurant indicating that noncommercial fish are being prepared in the restaurant. Requires the department to issue permits for restaurants 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 the department for any violation of the rules and regulations of the program. Effective August 1, 2014.

<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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**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.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

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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