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Fiscal Note

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Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Change in membership in three Commissions Analyst: Mitch Chauvin

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Provides relative to the membership of certain commissions within the Department of Agriculture and Forestry. (gov sig)

Purpose of bill: This measure will allow the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to change the composition of the following Commissions:
One board member of the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission will be a member, rather than the chairman, of the Louisiana Agricultural Consultants Association.

The Louisiana Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission will reduce its membership from 13 to 11 members, 10 of whom shall be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture and forestry.

The Horticulture Commission member who is a licensed wholesale florist shall be appointed from the wholesale florists licensed by the commission rather than a list of three persons nominated by the Louisiana Wholesale Florists Association.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be a decrease in agency self-generated expenditures as a result of this measure.

According to an official with the Louisiana Sweet Potato Advertising and Development Commission there may be a decrease in expenditures as a result of decreasing its membership by 2 members. Members do not receive the \$15 per diem that is provided for in current law. Members may be reimbursed at \$0.51 per mile for travel expenses; therefore, there may be a decrease in expenses since the commission will not have to reimburse 2 members' travel.

According to an official with the Boll Weevil Eradication Commission, the proposed change will have no impact on the commission's expenditures. This proposed change only affects who is on the commission, not the number of members; therefore, it does not impact expenditures.

According to an official with the Horticulture Commission, there will be no impact on expenditures as a result of changing how the licensed wholesale florist representative on the Horticulture Commission is selected. Since the Louisiana Wholesale Florists Association is no longer active, the proposed change provides that the member be appointed from the wholesale florists licensed by the commission. This proposed change does not impact expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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