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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 176** HLS 12RS 553

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Minimum deficiency assessment and inspection fee		

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Clarifies the minimum deficiency assessment and inspection fee for commercial feeds

Present law provides that every person manufacturing or selling fertilizer shall be registered with the Louisiana Feed, Fertilizer, and Agricultural Liming Commission. Provides for the payment of inspection fees on the basis of tonnage reports due on specific quarterly dates. Proposed law clarifies that the minimum inspection fee due shall be \$10 and clarifies the quarterly due dates as the first day of April, July, October, and January.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$1,150
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$1,150

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation establishes a minimum deficiency penalty for samples found to be deficient by laboratory analysis. Currently, samples often result in penalties of less than \$1. Based on FY 11 penalty information, a minimum \$10 penalty would generate additional revenues in the amount of \$230 to the Feed and Fertilizer Fund. This amount was calculated based on the difference between the fees due if a minimum of \$10 was due and the actual penalties collected in FY 11 (\$300 - \$70).

The proposed legislation also clarifies the minimum quarterly inspection fee due. Feed manufacturers are required to submit quarterly reports listing feed sold during the preceding quarter along with a \$1 per ton fee, with a \$10 minimum fee per quarter. There is no effect on revenues as a result of this provision since it is current practice.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}

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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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