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Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For .:

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Subject: Repeals termination date of the New Orleans Ferry Fund

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FUNDS/FUNDING

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Repeals the termination date on the New Orleans Ferry Fund and dedicates a portion of the truck and trailer fees collected in Jefferson Parish into the Jefferson Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund. (Item #10 and 11) (See Act)

<u>Present law</u> dedicates a portion of the motor vehicle license tax on trucks and trailers collected in Orleans Parish to the New Orleans Ferry Fund and sunsets the fund on June 30, 2018. <u>Present law</u> dedicates 50% of all motor vehicle license taxes collected in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa and St. Tammany parishes to the State Highway Fund No. 2 for the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission and the remaining 50% to the Transportation Trust Fund - Regular.

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals sunset of the New Orleans Ferry Fund.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
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>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

<u>Proposed law</u> repeals sunset of the New Orleans Ferry Fund, which would revise the flow of approximately **\$1.2 M annually derived** from the collection of registration and license fees and taxes collected by the state pursuant to R.S. 47:462, and as provided in R.S. 47:481, in the parish of Orleans from the Statutory Dedication - Transportation Trust Fund Regular into the Statutory Dedication - New Orleans Ferry Fund. Monies in the New Orleans Ferry Fund are used exclusively to fund operations of the Chalmette ferry and to provide ferry service formerly operated by DOTD's Crescent City Connection Division.

The New Orleans Ferry Fund is set to terminate on June 30, 2018, under <u>present law</u>. <u>Proposed law</u> will allow ongoing ferry operation appropriations and expenditures of approximately \$1.2 M annually. Absent <u>proposed law</u>, these funds would instead flow into the Transportation Trust Fund Regular and be utilized for the general operating, maintenance and capital construction expenditures of DOTD.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law repeals sunset of the New Orleans Ferry Fund and would result in the **reallocation of approximately \$1.2 M Statutory**Dedication revenues equal to truck and trailer registration and license fees and taxes collected in Orleans Parish, continuing to deposit these monies into the New Orleans Ferry Fund (scheduled for termination under present law on June 30, 2018) instead of the Transportation Trust Fund - Regular. For informational purposes between FY 14 and FY 17, average revenue collections from truck and trailer registration and license fees and taxes deposited into the New Orleans Ferry Fund have averaged approximately \$1.2 M annually. For clarification, truck and trailer registration and license fees and taxes are normally deposited into the State Highway Improvement Fund (SHIF) to provide for funding projects for any road which is part of the state highway system but not part of the federal system and, thus, is ineligible for federal highway funding assistance. However, R.S. 48:197 provides that collections of these registrations, fees and taxes in certain designated parishes shall be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund - Regular instead of the SHIF.

<u>Senate</u> 13.5.1 >=	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u> \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}	House	Evan	Brasseaux
	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee	6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase	Evan Brassea Staff Director	