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Subject: Louisiana Port Multimodal Council		

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 Provides relative to the creation of Louisiana Port Multimodal Council

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Port Multimodal Council (Council) within the Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD); provides for the board of directors; provides for powers and duties of the council; provides for a master plan for coordinated port development and growth; transfers responsibility of the Port Construction and Development Priority Program and the Waterway Dredging and Deepening Priority Program from DOTD to the Council; transfers responsibility for port and water transportation from the Office of Multimodal Commerce within DOTD to the Council; indicates that any resources of DOTD dedicated to these functions be transferred to the Authority.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in a significant increase in expenditures to the Department of Transportation and Development for the development of a master plan for the Louisiana Port Multimodal Council.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Port Multimodal Council (Council) within the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD). Proposed law stipulates that any personnel or resources that DOTD allocates to the Port Construction and Development Priority Program, the Waterway Dredging and Deepening Priority Program, or for ports and water transportation currently under the Office of Multimodal Commerce shall be transferred to the Council.

Proposed law requires the Council to develop a master plan for coordinated port development and growth and review and update the plan at least every four years. DOTD indicates that in-house resources are not sufficient to create a master plan and additional resources would be required to contract with an outside vendor. The costs to create a master plan are indeterminable, but the department reports that similar plans have cost over \$1 M. The LFO assumes that these expenses would be out of the Transportation Trust Fund - Regular account and could occur across multiple fiscal years if necessary. The Louisiana Board of International Commerce released a master comprehensive development plan in October 2023 for international commerce in Louisiana, which includes a discussion of ports. To the extent the master plan developed by the Louisiana Board of International Commerce can be used in whole or in part, costs to develop the master plan for the Council may be reduced accordingly.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Proposed law allows the Council to accept and use gifts, grants, bequests, and endowments, as well as borrow money and issue bonds to fulfill its purposes, but the availability of these sources is unknown.

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 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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