



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 537** HLS 24RS 837
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
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 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Reallocates money received from fur trapping licenses

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Proposed law authorizes the state treasurer to transfer all revenues generated through the sale of resident and non-resident fur trapping licenses to the Louisiana Fur Public Education and Marketing Fund (Fund). Current law states that \$20 of every resident trapping license and \$15 for each non-resident trapping license shall be deposited into the Fund. Current law also states that \$20 of every resident trapping license and \$145 of each non-resident trapping license shall be deposited into the Conservation Fund. Proposed law would combine and dedicate all license fee proceeds to the Louisiana Fur Public Education and Marketing Fund.

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	\$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


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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
 There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is able to make the proposed changes to the licensing system using existing resources and staff.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
 There is no net material impact on revenues resulting from this measure. Proposed law is projected to decrease the deposits to the Conservation Fund by \$61,200; however, there would be a corresponding increase in deposits to the Louisiana Fur Public Education and Marketing Fund by \$61,200. The estimated revenue is based on the average sale of resident (2,612) and nonresident (64) trapper licenses from FY 22 and FY 23. The annual sales for FY 23 resulted in \$61,200 into the Conservation Fund and \$53,520 into the Louisiana Fur Public Education and Marketing Fund. The proposed law would result in the full \$114,720 deposited into the Louisiana Fur Public Education and Marketing Fund annually. This fiscal note assumes that fur trapper license sales stay consistent with FY 23 levels.

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

House
 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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