



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 550** HLS 25RS 980

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism		
Subject: Imported Seafood Data		Analyst: Richie Anderson

SEAFOOD

OR INCREASE SD RV See Note

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Provides for reporting, data collection, and information sharing related to domestic and imported seafood

Proposed law requires seafood processors and distributors to submit quarterly reports to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism (CRT) detailing the amount and species of seafood they bought and sold, including volume and location of origin. Proposed law provides that CRT is to maintain a database of this information and is authorized to penalize entities that do not comply. Additionally, proposed law requires new seafood importers who are applying for licensure to provide the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) with a detailed accounting of the imported seafood they bought or sold in the previous calendar year. LDWF shall submit a copy or summary of the information collected to CRT.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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						

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law requires seafood processors and distributors to submit quarterly reports to the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism (CRT) detailing the amount and species of seafood they bought and sold, including volume and location of origin. Proposed law requires CRT to maintain a database of these quarterly reports and shall impose fines for entities not complying. CRT asserts that they will be able to absorb the additional functions with current staff and resources.

Proposed law requires new seafood importers who are applying for licensure to provide the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) with a detailed accounting of the imported seafood they bought or sold in the previous calendar year. The department anticipates increased expenditures for storage of the data collected, but would not need additional staff. LDWF anticipates implementing the proposed law using its existing operating budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

CRT will have an increase in revenue generated from fines collected for non compliance with the proposed law. Under current law, a first offense may result in a fine up to \$1,000; a second offense up to \$2,500; and a third offense up to \$5,000. All fines collected will be deposited into the Imported Safety Seafood Fund. CRT is unable to determine to what extent fines would increase; however, a corresponding increase in revenue is anticipated.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

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

- ☐ 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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