

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 581** HLS 25RS 982  
Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
Opp. Chamb. Action:  
  
Proposed Amd.:  
Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 16, 2025	7:49 PM	<b>Author:</b> ILLG
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries		
<b>Subject:</b> Civil penalties		<b>Analyst:</b> Richie Anderson

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Prohibits releasing inflated balloons outdoors


Proposed law establishes civil penalties for the intentional release of balloons inflated with gas lighter than air. Proposed law creates a civil fine of \$150 for a first violation, \$250 for a second violation, and \$500 for a third or subsequent violation. All fines collected will be deposited into the Litter Abatement Account within the Conservation Fund.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Annual Total						

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

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**  
Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in revenue deposited into the Litter Abatement Account within the Conservation Fund as a result of civil penalties for violating litter laws. The fine assessed under the proposed law would be \$150 for a first offense; \$250 for a second offense; \$500 for a third offense and subsequent offenses. The exact fiscal impact of the proposed law is indeterminable as it is unknown how many people will be assessed the proposed civil penalty.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	<b>Patrice Thomas</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	<b>Deputy Fiscal Officer</b>