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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 354** HLS 25RS 932

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Office of Public Health		
Subject: Provides with respect to the testing of drinking water		Analyst: Luis Galvan

WATER/DRINKING WATER

OR +\$258,500 GF EX See Note

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Proposed law amends R.S. 40:5.6 to require that, for each compliance sample collected under the federal Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), public water systems must also obtain a chlorine strip test result from the same sample at the time of collection by the homeowner. The chlorine test result must be submitted to the Office of Public Health (OPH) within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), along with the LCR test results.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$258,500	\$258,500	\$258,500	\$258,500	\$258,500	\$1,292,500
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
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an annual increase in SGF of approximately \$258,500 to OPH. Proposed law requires public water systems to submit to OPH a chlorine strip test result, performed by the homeowner, alongside the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) samples currently required. The Office of Public Health’s Safe Drinking Water Program (SDWP), which currently provides all LCR sampling materials, will also supply the chlorine test strips. Therefore, there is a direct supply cost to OPH associated with providing the chlorine test strips. Each sample site (home) will require one test strip container, estimated at \$47 per unit. Based on current sampling volumes, approximately 5,500 samples are collected each year, totaling \$258,000 (\$47 x 5,500). Consequently, additional SGF support would be required as the chlorine test is not federally recognized for compliance purposes and existing federal and dedicated funds cannot be used to cover the associated costs.

No additional costs are anticipated for printing or distributing instructional materials, as chlorine strip instructions can be incorporated into existing guidance already provided with LCR sampling kits. Likewise, OPH reports it has sufficient staff and existing data storage capacity to manage chlorine test result submissions and respond to homeowner inquiries.

Note: Beginning in FY 28, a potential increase in expenditures related to the new federal rule—the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)—could occur; however, the exact increase cannot be determined at this time.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. The bill does not create any new fees or change the existing Safe Drinking Water Program fee structure established under current law.

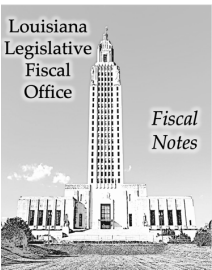
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- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}
- ☒ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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