



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 514** HLS 25RS 334

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Doula Registry Board		Analyst: Anthony Shamis

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Modifies the Louisiana Doula Registry Board within the Louisiana Department of Health and provides for respective regulatory authority

Present law creates the Louisiana Doula Registry Board within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) for the purpose of reviewing and approving doula registration for doulas seeking health insurance reimbursement. Present law provides for duties of the board. Proposed law requires that, in consultation with LDH, the Doula Registry board shall establish the criteria for the registration application, implement guidelines for registration process, review submitted doula registration applications and grant registration status. The Doula Registry Board shall: (1) Review applications for doulas to register to receive health insurance reimbursement. (2) Approve applications to designate registered doula status. (3) Notify applicants of the approval or denial of doula registration status. (4) Maintain a statewide registry of doulas approved for health insurance reimbursement in Louisiana. Proposed law modifies the board’s makeup to include the following 15 members: Nine (9) members who serve as doulas from all nine of Louisiana’s geographic regions. One (1) woman with lived experience of birth under doula care in this state. One (1) doula with lactation training. One (1) representative from Sista Midwife Productions. One (1) representative from Birthmark Doula Collective. One (1) representative from H.E.R. Institute. Proposed law provides that LDH shall provide administrative staff to support the doula registry board.

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$2,495	\$2,495	\$2,495	\$2,495	\$2,495	\$12,475
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$2,495	\$2,495	\$2,495	\$2,495	\$2,495	\$12,475

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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 is anticipated to increase Federal expenditures by \$2,495 annually in the LDH Office of Public Health to reimburse Doula Registry Board members for travel expenses in accordance with regulations of the Division of Administration (DOA), PPM 49 - Travel Guide. Travel must be approved by the LDH Secretary. Proposed law adds the requirement to reimburse board members for travel. The current mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.70 per mile for each business mile. Projected cost is based on nine (9) potential Doula Registry Board Members seeking reimbursement from LDH up to 99 miles for each quarterly meeting.

Basis for Expenditure Projection:

- 9 Potential Doula Registry Board Members;
- x \$0.70 DOA Mileage Reimbursement Rate;
- x 99 miles (maximum allowed) = \$624.70 per Quarter;
- x 4 Quarters = \$2,494.80

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.


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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}

- ☐ 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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