



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 562** HLS 25RS 173

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Statewide		
Subject: Provides for reimbursement of emergency services		Analyst: John McKay

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE DEPTS

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Provides relative to costs for certain emergency services provided by fire departments and fire protection districts

Proposed legislation authorizes fire departments, fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district to seek reimbursement for the reasonable cost of automobile extraction services provided to an individual involved in a motor vehicle accident. Proposed measure provides costs for automobile extraction services that may be recovered from the the owner of the vehicle requiring extraction or the party at fault for the motor vehicle accident. This bill states that costs are presumed reasonable if they align with values published by FEMA for similar services and equipment. Proposed law requires fire departments, fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district who are seeking reimbursement to submit itemized invoices with corresponding receipts and an explanation. This bill authorizes fire departments, fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district to use any reasonable means to collect and enforce the collection of such costs.

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.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may result in an indeterminable increase in SGR expenditures to the Office of Risk Management (ORM). If a state official, officer, or employee driving a state-owned vehicle is involved in or causes an accident that requires extraction services, ORM may be liable for certain related costs. This bill authorizes parish, municipal, and volunteer fire departments, fire protection districts, and nonprofit corporations under contract with a fire protection district to seek reimbursement for the reasonable cost of vehicle extraction services from the owner of the vehicle requiring extraction services or the party at fault which caused the need for vehicle extraction services.

Additionally, if the individual responsible for the incident is found to be negligent but was acting within the scope of their duties and not engaged in criminal behavior, existing law may require the state to indemnify them, thus making the state responsible for certain expenses. Under the provisions of this bill, reimbursement is not permitted for costs associated with equipment, supplies, or other items and services that are part of the department’s regular operating budget or that exceed the actual allowable costs for vehicle extraction services.

ORM reports that the fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable, but notes that vehicle extractions are rare and that, if costs align with rates in other states, which typically range from \$700 to \$1,800 per incident, the impact is expected to be negligible.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

To the extent parish or municipal fire departments, fire protection districts, or volunteer fire departments seek and recover reimbursement under the provisions of this bill, local revenues will increase. The LFO anticipates any increase in revenue will be used to offset the cost of the services provided.

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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