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 Establishes that the total compensation of the executive port director of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission cannot exceed the statewide average compensation of the top ten port directors in Louisiana
 Proposed law provides that the total compensation of the executive port director of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission shall not exceed the statewide average total compensation paid to executive port directors of the top ten port authorities and port commissions in Louisiana; provides that the statewide average total compensation be calculated annually by the legislative auditor and the division of administration; requires that beginning January 1, 2028, the average total compensation be applied to the compensation package of the executive port director.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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 will result in a decrease in Local Funds expenditures for the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission due to the limitation on total compensation for the executive port director. Proposed law requires the total compensation for the executive port director of the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission to be less than or equal to the average total compensation paid to the executive port directors of the top ten port authorities and port commissions in Louisiana. Proposed law is silent on how to define the top ten port authorities and port commissions. The LFO presumes the top ten is based on total compensation. To the extent that the top ten is defined on some other parameter, then the estimates presented below may change. Given that the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission executive port director is the highest paid port director in the state, regardless of what parameter is used, the proposed law will result in a decrease in expenditures.

Based on the most recent audit reports by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, the compensation for the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission is \$477,184, while the average total compensation for the top ten port commissions (excluding Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission) is approximately \$324,448. Based on the average, the executive port director's salary may decrease by approximately \$152,736 starting in FY 28. The exact fiscal impact will depend on the average total compensation calculated annually starting on January 1, 2027. The Commission will have until January 1, 2028, to make the necessary adjustments to the total compensation of the executive port director.


Pursuant to current law, ports are required to submit compensation information to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for inclusion in the annual audits. The Division of Administration and the Legislative Auditor report that they can calculate the average compensation with their existing resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 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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