

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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CRIME OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to the unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system

Proposed law creates the Louisiana State Infrastructure Fund but does not provide an initial source of revenue for the fund. Monies deposited into the fund will be contingent upon transfers or appropriations into the fund, including federal funds, by the legislature. Prior to issuing loans, the fund will require an initial deposit of monies. To the extent interest is charged on the loans, there may be an increase in revenues deposited to the fund as loans are repaid.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in a significant increase in SGF expenditures to establish training and procurement requirements and purchase equipment for the law enforcement agencies to take reasonable mitigation measures against unlawful unmanned aircraft systems.

Office of State Police (OSP)

The total anticipated increase in expenditures for OSP is \$4,157,000 in FY 27 and \$77,000 in subsequent fiscal years. Proposed law authorizes a law enforcement agency or officer to take reasonable mitigation measures against unmanned aircraft systems if the agency or officer suspects unmanned aircraft are engaged in illegal, nefarious, or threatening conduct, and requires any officer using mitigation efforts to complete a training program.

Proposed law will result in a one-time expenditure increase of approximately \$4.1 M in FY 27 and a recurring expenditure associated with purchasing and maintaining mitigation antennas for each troop area. OSP estimates \$400,000 to acquire each mitigation antenna, plus \$50,000 for operating services per antenna, for a total of \$4,050,000 (\$400,000 x 9 + \$50,000 x 9). OSP also reports a cost of \$30,000 in lodging and travel costs for mitigation personnel to complete the required certification course in Huntsville, AL. This results in an initial one-time cost of \$4,080,000 in FY 27.

OSP anticipates a recurring cost of \$77,000 annually, starting in FY 27, for maintenance, training, annual subscriptions, system updates, and annual mitigation certification.

Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)

The total anticipated increase in expenditures for GOHSEP is \$963,000 in FY 27, \$751,000 in FY 28, \$764,000 in FY 29, \$778,000 in FY 30, and \$792,000 in FY 31. Proposed law requires GOHSEP and the Office of Technology Services (OTS) to develop uniform standards for detection, interception, and forensic technologies involving unmanned aircraft systems, evaluate and certify equipment for cybersecurity, interoperability, and safety compliance, ensure all acquisitions comply with current law, maintain a statewide inventory of approved technologies for agency use, and issue technical advisories or bulletins regarding capabilities of emerging counter-technology to unmanned aircraft systems.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
 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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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED:

GOHSEP reports that to implement proposed law, the agency will need an additional four (4) T.O. positions: a Program Manager (salary - \$102,500) to oversee procurement standards, certification workflows, and the statewide inventory; a Technical Lead (salary - \$92,250) to perform the technical evaluation, cybersecurity review, and interoperability certification of unmanned aircraft system detection, mitigation, and forensic technologies; Procurement Analyst (salary - \$87,125) to develop and maintain the uniform procurement standards for unmanned aircraft systems detection, mitigation, and forensic technologies; and an Administrative Coordinator (salary - \$66,625) to provide operational support including maintaining records, scheduling training, managing documentation for procurement review, and supporting annual reporting requirements. The total personal services costs for FY 27, including salaries and related benefits, are \$523,000. GOHSEP assumes an approximately 2.5% annual increase in salary and related benefits in subsequent fiscal years.

GOHSEP estimates a cost of \$160,000 in FY 27 to develop and host a secure digital data library of the statewide inventory of approved technologies for agency use. Costs include database development, hosting, software licensing, metadata preservation tools, and cybersecurity monitoring. In subsequent fiscal years, the agency estimates a recurring cost of \$60,000 for hosting, license renewals, and cybersecurity monitoring related to the data library.

GOHSEP reports that professional services are required to develop procurement standards, conduct cybersecurity/interoperability testing, and provide forensic accreditation consulting. The agency estimates a cost of \$150,000 in FY 27 to establish certification frameworks and testing protocols. This cost will decrease in subsequent fiscal years to \$75,000 for periodic testing, standards updates, and on-call contractor support.

GOHSEP anticipates additional costs of approximately \$90,000 in FY 27 and \$60,000 in subsequent fiscal years for training, task force meetings, scenario-based exercises, and annual report production. Lastly, GOHSEP estimates equipment costs of \$40,000 in FY 27 to acquire test equipment and sample devices to perform interoperability, safety, and cybersecurity evaluations. In subsequent fiscal years, GOHSEP estimates a cost of \$20,000 to replace worn or obsolete sample devices and diagnostic tools.

The total estimated cost by GOHSEP is presented in the table below:

	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31
Personal Services	\$523,000	\$536,000	\$549,000	\$563,000	\$577,000
Operating Services	\$160,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Professional Services	\$150,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Other Charges	\$ 90,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Equipment	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Total	\$963,000	\$751,000	\$764,000	\$778,000	\$792,000


The LFO is unable to corroborate the increased workload predicted by the agency. To the extent the additional workload is less than anticipated, it may be absorbable, either wholly or partially, using existing staff and resources, or may be achievable with fewer than four positions, and a portion of the projected costs may be mitigated.

Office of the Attorney General (AG)

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures for the AG. Proposed law requires the AG to provide legal guidance and interpretation to the joint authority and participating law enforcement agencies; represent, defend, or otherwise assist law enforcement agencies or officers in proceedings arising from actions taken pursuant to proposed law; and issue advisory opinions. Proposed law will likely increase workload for the AG's office by an indeterminable amount. To the extent that proposed law results in a significant increase in workload, the AG may experience an increase in expenditures.

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

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