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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 367** SLS 26RS 348

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.: **w/ PROP SEN COMM AMD**

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Treasury, Dept. of Revenue, Dept. of Conservation & Energy		Analyst: Mimi Blanchard
Subject: Watershed Restoration & Conservation Fund		

WATER MANAGEMENT OR INCREASE SD EX See Note
Creates the Watershed Conservation Fund. (8/1/26)

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Proposed law creates the Watershed Restoration and Conservation Fund for the purpose of supporting reclamation, restoration, and long-term stewardship of lands and watersheds within the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District. Proposed law authorizes the treasurer to deposit into the fund any monies transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature after allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund as provided for in the Constitution of Louisiana. Proposed law states that monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the SGF, with interest earned on investments credited to the fund, and any unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year remaining in the fund. Proposed law authorizes the legislature to appropriate monies from the fund to the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District for any purpose authorized pursuant to proposed law. Effective August 1, 2026.

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.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in expenditures out of the Watershed Restoration and Conservation Fund (created in the bill) to the extent that the legislature appropriates monies from the fund to the board of commissioners of the Amite River Basin Drainage and Water Conservation District.

Treasury requires certain resources to create and administer a statutory dedication, as in this bill. Should aggregate session action result in the creation of funds beyond that which can be absorbed within existing resources, additional funding may be required, which is assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in statutory dedications to the Watershed Restoration and Conservation Fund (created in the bill) to the extent that the treasury deposits into the fund any monies transferred, donated, or appropriated to the fund by the legislature.

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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