

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 816** HLS 26RS 608  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Statewide		<b>Analyst:</b> Kimberly Fruge
<b>Subject:</b> Restricts Military Adjacent Land Ownership by Foreign Adversaries		

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 Prohibits foreign adversaries from acquiring or owning property near military installations

Proposed law restricts ownership of military-installation-adjacent lands in Louisiana by foreign adversaries, defined as certain designated countries and any entities they control. Specifically, it bars foreign adversaries and "prohibited foreign actors" (entities controlled by foreign adversaries) from directly or indirectly owning, acquiring, leasing, or obtaining any interest in military-installation-adjacent lands. There are certain exemptions, such as if the person is a citizen, permanent legal resident, or juridical person or the property is used as a one-to-four family residential property. Proposed law establishes penalties for violations, including civil fines and forced divestment of illegally acquired land. Proposed law also outlines investigative and enforcement mechanisms for the Attorney General to identify violators, including the power to investigate suspected violations, issue subpoenas and investigative demands, seek injunctions to stop prohibited transactions, and bring civil actions to force divestiture or forfeiture of property. Proposed law is applicable only to immovable property acquired by a foreign adversary or prohibited foreign actor on or after August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may increase SGF expenditures for the Office of Attorney General, to the extent the office identifies and pursues civil action against foreign adversaries acquiring military-installation-adjacent lands. The proposed law prohibits any foreign adversaries or prohibited foreign actors from owning military-installation-adjacent land within the state after August 1, 2026. The proposed law authorizes, but does not require, the Attorney General to bring legal action against any foreign adversary or prohibited foreign actor that violates this measure.

The Attorney General reports that proposed law will require a new unit and two (2) new employees. The staffing estimates for the new section include salaries and related benefits of an Assistant Attorney General (salary - \$85,000) and an Administrative Assistant (salary - \$60,000). Other recurring costs include operating services (\$25,500) for travel, supplies, and other operating expenses beginning in FY 27. One-time expenditures are acquisitions of office furniture and computer equipment (\$11,750). In subsequent fiscal years, the fiscal note presumes a 4% increase in salaries for market rate adjustments and related benefits.


	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31
Salaries	\$145,000	\$150,800	\$156,832	\$163,105	\$169,629
Related Benefits	\$70,243	\$72,252	\$74,342	\$76,516	\$78,777
Personal Services	\$215,243	\$223,052	\$231,174	\$239,621	\$248,406
Operating Services	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500	\$25,500
Equipment	\$11,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$252,493</b>	<b>\$248,552</b>	<b>\$256,674</b>	<b>\$265,121</b>	<b>\$273,906</b>

The LFO cannot corroborate the increased workload predicted by the department. To the extent the additional workload is less than what the Attorney General anticipates, the additional workload may be absorbable, either wholly or partially, using existing staff and resources, or may be achievable with fewer than four positions. The proposed law authorizes the Attorney General to utilize civil penalties collected under this measure to recover expenses incurred associated with investigation and enforcement. To the extent civil penalties are collected, the need for SGF in future fiscal years may be mitigated.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law allows the Attorney General to assess a civil penalty of \$50,000 and forfeiture if a foreign adversary does not divest its agricultural land within a year after a judgment. The LFO cannot determine the number of foreign adversaries that will be assessed civil penalties or anticipate the amount of revenue collected from civil penalties.

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}       |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

  
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