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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EN SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note

Provides for matters related to brick manufacturing.

Proposed law permits Louisiana Economic Development (LED) to establish brick manufacturing as a priority industry. LED is permitted to promulgate rules and regulations including but not limited to: 1) Identifying sites with features suitable for brick manufacturing operations; 2) Establish specialized workforce development and training for the industry; 3) Develop job creation and hiring initiatives for the industry; 4) Provide clear regulatory pathways for the industry; 5) Coordinate with ports, rail providers, and local governments regarding infrastructure needs for industry projects; 6) Other economic development activities.

Effective 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.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	**SEE BELOW**	**SEE BELOW**	**SEE BELOW**	**SEE BELOW**	**SEE BELOW**	
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total						

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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	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law permits, but does not mandate, Louisiana Economic Development (LED) to promulgate rules to prioritize and enhance the brick manufacturing industry in the state utilizing existing programs and under existing statutory authority. Accordingly, the bill is not anticipated to directly increase agency costs.

If LED elects to implement provisions of the bill related to site readiness, workforce development and training initiatives, job creation incentives, regulatory pathways, and coordination of infrastructure needs for brick manufacturers, LED may increase SGF expenditures or statutory dedication expenditures (depending on the program) relative to the agency's baseline budget and current utilization. LFO assumes any expenditures exceeding current program authority or budgeted resources require a separate legislative appropriation.

If implemented, LED estimates one-time costs of up to $250,000 SGF in FY 27 to hire an external consulting firm to conduct research and industry analysis to support rule promulgation and program design. The agency's 2025 comprehensive statewide strategic plan, *Positioning Louisiana to Win*, identifies seven priority sectors for the state to target to accelerate economic growth in asset-based industries. While brick manufacturing is not specifically identified as a priority sector, LED indicates that the industry would likely fall under the broader Energy and Process Industries category.

LFO cannot independently corroborate the estimated consulting cost. LFO assumes certain administrative costs would be incurred if the bill is implemented. **The ultimate fiscal impact of the bill will depend on any rules promulgated by LED, which will determine the scope of programming and incentives available to brick manufacturers**. To the extent existing LED programs (such as the Certified Sites Program (Fast Sites), FastStart, and the High Impact Job Program) are modified to extend eligibility to brick manufacturers that would not otherwise qualify, program utilization and associated expenditures (SGF or statutory dedications) may increase.

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}

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☐ 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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