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Sub. Bill For.:

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Provides relative to groundwater and surface water. (8/1/14)

Proposed law provides that the Louisiana State Law Institute is hereby directed to form a Water Code Committee. Proposed law provides that not later than January 1, 2017, the Water Code Committee shall present proposed legislation to the Legislature providing for comprehensive Water Code provisions governing Louisiana's water resources and their use. Proposed law provides that from the commissioner of conservation shall not authorize, issue or reissue any permit which allows the use or withdrawal of groundwater as follows:
August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018 - 40 million gallons or more of groundwater per day
August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019 - 35 million gallons or more of groundwater per day
August 1, 2019 to July 31, 2020 - 30 million gallons or more of groundwater per day
August 1, 2020 - 25 million gallons or more of groundwater per day.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. Similar structure for REVENUES.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The daily amount of groundwater that is withdrawn from wells statewide is unknown at this time. It is also unknown what the permit amounts will be in the future legislation that will be introduced in 2017. Any expenditure impact cannot be calculated at this time.

Currently, the Office of Conservation does not have jurisdiction to provide permitting, nor does it require well owners to report the volume of groundwater withdrawn. Well owners installing water wells for use in irrigation, public supply, and industrial purposes shall provide a notice of intent for evaluation of such wells and the uses. The commissioner can issue an order to impose withdrawal limitations, spacing requirements, and/or require the well owner to provide additional information.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Any revenue impact associated with legislation that will be introduced by January 1, 2017 is unknown at this time. The potential impact will depend on legislation enacted.