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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 383** HLS 22RS 811  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Board of Regents/La Health Works Commission	
<b>Subject:</b> Provides for the H.E.R.O. Fund	<b>Analyst:</b> Alan M. Boxberger

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 Provides with respect to the Health Care Employment Reinvestment Opportunity (H.E.R.O.) Fund

**Current law** establishes the Health Care Employment Reinvestment Opportunity (H.E.R.O.) Fund as a special fund in the state treasury and provides that monies in the fund shall consist of legislative appropriations, grants and donations; provides that subject to appropriation and approval by the Board of Regents, the La Health Works Commission is directed to determine how monies in the fund are allocated and expended through a multi-year plan to be expended solely and exclusively for specific priorities; and requires the La Health Works Commission to submit the fund allocation plan to the Board of Regents on or before October 1st of each year.

**Proposed law** makes technical changes to present law.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

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

For informational purposes:

Act 410 of the 2021 RS directed deposit of \$5 M into the H.E.R.O. Fund out of the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund, which in turn received federal funds via the ARPA. The Louisiana Health Works Commission identified the following in-demand allied health fields for prioritization in the first phase of the Allied Health capitation program: Nurse Practitioner, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Speech-Language Pathologist, Medical Assistant, Respiratory Care Technology, and Radiologic Technology. Higher Education institutions then requested funds based on program availability and ability to expand current class sizes. On December 9, 2021, in accordance with LA R.S. 17:3050.11, the Louisiana Health Works Commission approved an initial investment of \$749,000 out of the H.E.R.O. Fund for Nurse and Allied Health capitation, beginning in the spring and summer 2022 semesters. These funds were allocated by the Board of Regents to twelve specific institutions on a \$3,500 per student basis and appropriated by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget at its meeting on January 25, 2022.

The Commission will have an additional \$4,251,000 available to allocate in future fiscal years subject to legislative appropriation. All monies provided to the state from ARPA must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended before December 31, 2026.

**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}

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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