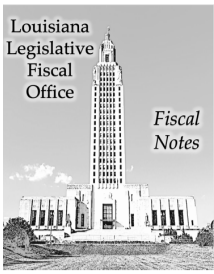


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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 261** HLS 25RS 745

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 17, 2025	5:12 PM	<b>Author:</b> GALLE
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Corrections and Sheriffs		<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet
<b>Subject:</b> Unlawful Use of an Unmanned Aircraft System		

CRIME OR NO IMPACT See Note  
Provides relative to unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system

Current law provides for the crime of unlawful use of an unmanned aircraft system. Proposed law adds definitions for the terms "mitigation measures" and "nefarious manner"; authorizes a law enforcement officer or agency to take reasonable and necessary mitigation measures against a threat posed by an unmanned aircraft system operating within this state in a nefarious manner, and that those measures may include use of detection, tracking, and identification methods, and the interception or disabling of an unmanned aircraft system through legal and safe methods, including but not limited to jamming, hacking, or physical capture; provides that a law enforcement officer or agency shall only act if there is reasonable suspicion that the unmanned aircraft system is involved in criminal activity, poses an imminent threat to public safety, or is otherwise operating in violation of state or federal law.

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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

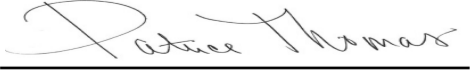
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides authorization to a law enforcement officer or agency to take reasonable and necessary mitigation measures against a threat posted by an unmanned aircraft system, provides examples as to permissible mitigation measures, and the applicable permissible standard provided to law enforcement in acting upon an unmanned aircraft system. State Police advises that the proposed law will not result in any fiscal impact to expenditures to the agency.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
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 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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