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Creates the Crescent City Connection Commission

The proposed legislation creates the Crescent City Connection Commission. The object and purpose of this commission is to advise and recommend to the secretary of DOTD on issues relative to the operations and management of the Crescent City Connection Division. The commission shall be composed of members chosen from nominations of the members of the House of Representatives and the Senate (Senate Districts 1,3,5,6,7 and 8 plus House Districts 83,84,85,86,87,102,104, and 105). The governor shall appoint one member at large. The secretary of DOTD or his designee shall serve as chairman of the commission. Members of the commission (except the secretary or his designee) may be paid a per diem of one hundred fifty dollars for attending meetings of the commission and may be reimbursed any expenses incurred in performing the duties imposed upon them by virtue of their serving as members of the commission. The commission shall meet at least once a month at its offices in Algiers, Louisiana. The legislation repeals the current law providing for the Crescent City Connection Oversight Authority.

EXPENDITURES	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$20,250	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$13,500	\$0	\$87,750
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	\$20,250	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$13,500	\$0	\$87,750

REVENUES	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation would likely result in an increase in expenditures of a minimum of \$20,250 in FY 10 (9 months of operation), \$27,000 in FYs 11 and 12, and \$13,500 in FY 13 (6 months of operation) which is anticipated to be funded with self-generated toll revenue. The legislation provides that members of the commission (except the secretary or his designee) may be paid a per diem of \$150 for attending meetings of the commission and may be reimbursed any expenses incurred in performing the duties imposed upon them by virtue of their serving on the commission. Assuming this commission meets once a month, the maximum cost anticipated for per diem payments would be \$27,000/year (\$150 x 15 members x 12 months). Should the commission meet more often, the additional cost would be \$2,250/meeting if all members receive per diem payments. The legislation also provides for the reimbursement of "... any expenses incurred in performing the duties imposed upon them by virtue of their serving as members of the commission." This language is not specific as to the exact nature of these expenses and may result in additional cost related to travel expenses of commission members to attend meetings. Reimbursement of these expenses, as well as per diem payments, is permissive and is not mandatory. These expenses are not anticipated to be significant, especially if members of the commission reside in the New Orleans metropolitan area.

The proposed legislation also repeals statutory authority for the Crescent City Connection Oversight Authority (CCCOA), which is a thirteen member agency whose purpose is to establish priorities of projects from remaining funds after all operation and maintenance expenses of the bridge and ferries under the authority of the Crescent City Connection Division of DOTD have been paid. DOTD indicates that no funds have been expended on the CCCOA in the current fiscal year.

NOTE: The expenses reflected above may be reduce if commission members refuse per diem payments and reimbursement of expenses related to performing their duties.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

Dual Referral Rules

House

☐ 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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