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Fiscal Note On: **HB 198** HLS 15RS 916

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Commercial crab fishing fees		

FISHING/CRABS RE +\$54,000 SD RV See Note
Increases fees for participation in the commercial crab fishery

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Present law provides for a \$35 commercial crab trap gear license fee for any number of legal crab traps and dedicates \$5 to both the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account and the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program Account. Present law also exempts commercial senior fishing license holders from fees.

Proposed bill increases the fees for participation in the commercial crab fishery and increases the dedications to the Derelict Crab Trap Removal Program and the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account.

Current law provides for an increase in the resident Crab Trap Gear license fee will result in the increase of the nonresident license fee to four times that of the resident amount. Proposed law retains current law.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$270,000
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>	\$0
Annual Total	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$54,000	\$270,000

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will increase the resident Commercial Crab Trap Gear license fee from \$35 to \$50. Based upon 3,288 commercial crab licenses outstanding currently, the legislation will likely produce an additional \$49,320 in revenue from Crab Trap Gear licenses, which will be divided equally among the Conservation Fund, Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account and the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account. This is anticipated to result in a \$16,440 increase in revenue for each fund/account.

Pursuant to R.S. 56:305 (C)(1), an increase in the resident Crab Trap Gear license fee will result in the increase of the nonresident license fee to four times that of the resident fee amount. Therefore, by raising the resident fee from \$35 to \$50, the nonresident fee will increase from \$140 to \$200, indirectly resulting in additional revenue. Based upon 78 nonresident license sales, the \$60 increase is anticipated to result in \$4,680 of additional revenue. These additional revenues will flow into the Conservation Fund, Derelict Crab Trap Removal Account, and the Crab Promotion and Marketing Account.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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