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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Feral Hog Management Program	

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Provides for a feral hog management program at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Proposed law creates the Feral Hog Management Account within the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund to be used solely for development of programs to manage feral hog populations in Louisiana. Proposed law provides that the programs will include public awareness programs relative to actions that spread the incidence of feral hogs statewide, as well as actions that can manage the incidence of feral hogs. Proposed law provides the feral hog management program shall include input from stakeholder groups statewide, as well as include hunter-based solutions. Proposed law increases the fee for a basic hunting license by \$2, from \$15 to \$17, and dedicates the \$2 increase to the Feral Hog Management Account.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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>
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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>
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase expenditures for the LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) by an indeterminable amount. This bill creates the Feral Hog Management Account within the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund and provides that the account be used solely for programs developed for the management of feral hogs in Louisiana. Proposed law further provides that the programs will include public awareness programs relative to actions that spread the incidence of feral hogs statewide, as well as actions that can manage the incidence of feral hogs. In additions, the feral hog management program shall include input from stakeholder groups statewide, as well as include hunter-based solutions.

The expenditure increase is indeterminable because LDWF currently does not have information to estimate costs associated with feral hog management programs in Louisiana. LDWF anticipates expending funds from the account only to the extent they are collected via the \$2 increase in the basic hunting license fee. Any other funds to be deposited in the account are subject to legislative appropriation. The Legislative Fiscal Office assumes expenditures associated with awareness activities and control efforts related to feral hog management will match revenues available on an annual basis.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase revenues for the LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries (LDWF) by an indeterminable amount. This bill raises the fee for a basic hunting license by \$2, from \$15 to \$17. LDWF issued 180,891 basic hunting licenses in FY 15. To the extent the LDWF issues the same number of licenses in FY 17 and subsequent fiscal years as it did in FY 15, the department will see a net increase in revenues of \$361,782, from approximately \$2.7 M to \$3.0 M annually. All revenues generated from the \$2 increase outlined in this bill will be deposited in the Feral Hog Management Account within the statutorily dedicated Conservation Fund and used solely for feral hog management programs in Louisiana.

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| <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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