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LB 105

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2011-12		FY 2012-13	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	See below		See below	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 105 would require anyone born after December 31, 1985 to take a boating safety course prior to operating a motorboat or personal watercraft. Given the January 1, 2012 operative date, this provision would apply to anyone 26 years of age or younger the first year and increase by one year there after. The current age requirement to take a boating safety course is anyone under 18 years of age.

In 2012 there would be an immediate need to provide the boating safety course to persons 18 through 26 years old, which could increase the number of participants given the potential number of boat owners that fall in this age group. It is possible that a good share of these individuals may have already taken the boating safety course when they were under 18 years old in compliance with current law. The Game and Parks Commission has indicated that they expect additional expenses to provide course materials but do not expect it to be significant.

The Commission also mentions a potential increase in costs related to enforcement such as field checks and investigations. They indicate they will absorb these costs initially, but that if the demand warrants it additional funding may be needed for staff and related costs. There is no basis to disagree with this assessment, however, if compliance with the safety course requirement is simply another item checked during routine contact with boaters there should not be a need for additional staff.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
<p>GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION: The agency makes no estimate of potential cost or revenue increases. Presumably, more volume in boating certificates, which could create higher costs, would also generate additional fee revenue.</p>			

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	<u>FY 2011-2012</u>		<u>FY 2012-2013</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
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TOTAL FUNDS				

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

The proposed legislation would prohibit any person born after December 31, 1985 from operating a motorboat or personal watercraft on the waters of this state unless he or she has successfully completed a boating safety course approved by the commission and has been issued a valid boating certificate. Currently the restriction applies to those under the age of 18. Since the legislation has a January 1, 2012 effective date the age limit would apply to those age 26 and younger in 2012, and increase incrementally each year after that.

The proposed change would increase the potential number of boating safety enrollee's beginning in 2012 and result in additional expenses related to training supplies and materials. Depending upon the increase, additional instructors, currently volunteers, may be needed. Additionally staff time will be required to perform additional field checks and investigations. Initially a redirection of existing staff time will result, however should the demand increase the need for additional staff as well as related fuel costs and supplies, additional funding would be necessary. A definitive estimate for those costs is not immediately determinable.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2011-2012	2012-2013
	11-12	12-13	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....				