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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.

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COMMENTS

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.