

Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

Bill Number: 5433 S SB	Title: Derelict aquatic structures
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Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact					
Local Gov. Total						

Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Department of Licensing	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Natural Resources	5.0	1,143,500	1,143,500	1,143,500	5.0	1,104,200	1,104,200	1,104,200	5.0	1,104,200	1,104,200	1,104,200
Total \$	5.0	1,143,500	1,143,500	1,143,500	5.0	1,104,200	1,104,200	1,104,200	5.0	1,104,200	1,104,200	1,104,200

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Department of Licensing	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Natural Resources	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.								
Total \$	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	No fiscal impact								
Local Gov. Total									

Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

Department of Natural Resources	Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.
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Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5433 S SB	Title: Derelict aquatic structures	Agency: 240-Department of Licensing
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.

Check applicable boxes and follow corresponding instructions:

- If fiscal impact is greater than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete entire fiscal note form Parts I-V.
- If fiscal impact is less than \$50,000 per fiscal year in the current biennium or in subsequent biennia, complete this page only (Part I).
- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

See attached fiscal note

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Agency 240 – Department of Licensing

Bill Number: 5433 SSB

Bill Title: Derelict Aquatic Structure

Part 1: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Bill #	SSB 5433

Part 2 – Explanation

This bill creates a new chapter in Title 79 RCW to regulate the removal of derelict aquatic structures by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Effective 90 days sine die.

This is a substitute bill (SSB). The SSB removes references in the original bill to authorized public entities and their participation in the derelict aquatic structure acquisition and removal process. Under the SSB, these processes belong to DNR. The SSB also amends the account creation criteria for the Derelict Structure Removal Account and removes any reference to the Department of Licensing.

2.A – Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Section 1: Intent.

Section 2: New Section

- Establishes defections.
 - “Department” means Dept. of Natural Resources
 - Defines also “Derelict aquatic structures.”

Section 3: New Section

- Grants authority to DNR to purchase or otherwise acquire lands and facilities to carry out this title.
- Establishes that the primary responsibility for removal of derelict aquatic structures belongs to the owner or lessee of the structure. Secondary authority rests with Dept. of Natural Resources when it has jurisdiction of the aquatic lands occupied by the structure.

Section 4: New Section

- Specifies that derelict aquatic structures will be removed by Dept. of Natural Resources or an approved contractor in an environmentally-sound manner.
- Preference is to be given to least costly, environmentally-sound disposal options.

Section 5: New Section

- DNR will submit all qualifying removal projects to a grant program to offset impacts.

Section 6: New Section

- Creates a Derelict Structure Removal Account.
- Moneys may only be spent after appropriation.
- Establishes priorities for fund use.

Section 7: New Section

- Dept. of Natural resources may enter into contracts with private entities, tribes, or other government agencies to carry out the authority granted in this chapter.

Section 8: New Section

- DNR may establish a grant program for lessees of state-owned aquatic land who need financial assistance to comply with DNR’s habitat stewardship measures for the protection of nearshore habitats.

Section 9: New Section

- DNR may acquire aquatic structures and facilities that do not meet the criteria to be a derelict aquatic structure if the acquisition can provide habitat benefits or amenities for the local community if refurbished or repurposed.

Section 10: New Section

- Chapter not exclusive; does not constrain authority of any governing entity; rights established are in addition to any other legal rights the Dept. of Natural Resources may have.

Section 11: Sections 1 through 10 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 79 RCW.

Specific changes to the SSB include:

- Reformats intent section.
- Removes definition for “authorized public entity.”
- Combines portions of Section 3 and Section 11 of original draft into new Section 3. Omits additional articulation of “authorized public entity” responsibilities.
- Removes Section 4, pertaining to acquisition of structures by authorized public entities, from original draft. New Section 4 speaks to removal standards by DNR or contractor.
- Section 6 is now Section 5 (Nearshore Credits Program application submittal)
- Derelict Vessel Removal Account now created under Section 6. Removes reference to DOL. Removes references to authorized public entity program participation. Funds may no longer be directed to administrative expenses.
- Section 9 (Contracts with Private Entities) now Section 7.
- Section 13 (DNR Grant Program) now Section 8.
- Section 10 (Refurbishing Other Structures) now Section 9.
- Section 14 (Chapter Not Exclusive) now Section 10.
- Other sections referencing Authorized Public Entities removed.

2.B - Cash receipts Impact

No impact to cash receipts. This bill will not impact the Department of Licensing’s (DOL) cash receipts. This bill does not add new fees or modify existing fees administered by DOL.

2.C – Expenditures

No impact to expenditure. This bill has no fiscal impact to expenditures for DOL.

Part 3 – Expenditure Detail

3.A – Operating Budget Expenditures

None.

3.B – Expenditures by Object or Purpose

None.

3.C – FTE Detail

None.

Part 4 – Capital Budget Impact

None.

Part 5 – New Rule Making Required

None.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5433 S SB	Title: Derelict aquatic structures	Agency: 468-Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

NONE

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

This bill authorizes the removal and disposal of derelict aquatic structures and creates a related account and grant program. Derelict aquatic structures must be removed and disposed of in accordance with environmental laws, including RCW 70A.205 regarding solid waste management.

The substitute bill removes the jurisdiction of the Pollution Control Hearings Board to hear appeals to decisions regarding removal and disposal of derelict aquatic structures.

The Pollution Control Hearings Board is unlikely to be impacted by this bill.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

None

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

NONE

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

None

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

Bill Number: 5433 S SB	Title: Derelict aquatic structures	Agency: 490-Department of Natural Resources
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Part I: Estimates

No Fiscal Impact

Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Account					
General Fund-State 001-1	591,400	552,100	1,143,500	1,104,200	1,104,200
Total \$	591,400	552,100	1,143,500	1,104,200	1,104,200

Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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Part II: Narrative Explanation

II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.

The substitute removes several sections that were originally written re: authorized public entities and Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) ability to take custody of structures, since that was removed in Section 3.

Section 3: Modified so that DNR may purchase, or acquire through gift, exchange, or other transfer, lands and facilities to carry out the purposes of this title. The bill is no longer applicable to authorized public entities, and DNR may no longer take custody of structures. Following purchase or acquisition, DNR has the authority to remove, salvage, scrap, dispose, refurbish, or repurpose derelict aquatic structures.

Section 4: Derelict structures that are removed will be disposed of in any appropriate manner, with preference given to the least costly, environmentally sound, reasonable disposal option. Disposals will be accomplished by DNR through a contractor or through a contract with another entity as allowed in Section 7.

Section 5: All qualifying derelict aquatic structure removal projects or project elements on aquatic lands not managed by a port district to the Puget Sound partnership nearshore credits program or other similar mitigation credit programs to generate conservation credits.

Section 6: The department must develop criteria, in the form of informal guidelines, to prioritize removal projects associated but may not consider whether the applicant is a state or local entity when prioritizing by January 1, 2024.

Section 7: DNR may contract with a private company/individual to carry out authority granted. Substitute adds tribal nations and other governments to the list of entities with which DNR may contract.

Section 8: The department shall establish a grant program for lessees of state-owned aquatic land who need financial assistance to comply with the department's habitat stewardship measures for the protection of nearshore habitat and shall establish grant eligibility criteria and amounts by July 1, 2024.

Section 9: The department may also acquire aquatic structures and facilities that do not meet the definition of derelict aquatic structures, but which could provide habitat benefits or amenities for the local community if either refurbished or repurposed, or both.

II. B - Cash receipts Impact

Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

II. C - Expenditures

Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.

Sections 3 through 9 require staff work by DNR. These positions include work for:

- Environmental Planner 4 (1.0 FTE) – this position will be the program lead and would be responsible for the overall management of the program. This would include creation and oversight of removal contracts, as well as program budgeting, reporting and monitoring, managing policy changes, working with PSP on credit projects, developing grant criteria, overseeing grant administration, and contracts with other entities performing removals.
- Environmental Planner 3 (1.0 FTE) – this position will assist the EP4 in the day-to-day operations of the program. This would include assisting in drafting contracts, contract management, permitting, contractor interfacing, and grant program

administration.

- Natural resource technician 3 (1.0 FTE) – this position will provide technical support to the program by processing and generating invoices and payments to contractors and other external entities, processing documents and contracts electronically for signatures, and ensuring financial data systems are current and contain accurate.
- Natural Resources Specialist 3 (0.75 FTE) – this work will be split among 3 existing positions that already focus on project management. The 0.75 FTE reflects the portion of their time that would now be directed at these derelict structure removal projects.

Total FTE Costs per FY Ongoing: \$376,600 One-time workstation costs (FY24): 39,300

Goods and services and travel are calculated on actual program averages per person. Total Costs FY24: \$591,400

Total Costs FY25 and ongoing: \$522,100

Administrative costs are calculated at 31% of staff salary and benefits and staff-related goods and services and travel. For fiscal note purposes, this cost is represented as a Fiscal Analyst 2 position (1.2 FTE).

Part III: Expenditure Detail

III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	591,400	552,100	1,143,500	1,104,200	1,104,200
Total \$			591,400	552,100	1,143,500	1,104,200	1,104,200

III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
A-Salaries and Wages	273,300	273,300	546,600	546,600	546,600
B-Employee Benefits	103,300	103,300	206,600	206,600	206,600
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	69,700	48,700	118,400	97,400	97,400
G-Travel	2,800	2,800	5,600	5,600	5,600
J-Capital Outlays	18,300		18,300		
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services					
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements	124,000	124,000	248,000	248,000	248,000
9-					
Total \$	591,400	552,100	1,143,500	1,104,200	1,104,200

III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Environmental Planner 3	80,952	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Environmental Planner 4	89,292	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Fiscal Analyst 2	55,872	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Natural Resource Specialist 3	7,150	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Natural Resource Technician 3	49,404	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total FTEs		5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0

III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.

Non-zero but indeterminate cost and/or savings. Please see discussion.

IV. D - Capital FTE Detail: *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

The department submitted a capital budget request during the 23-25 budget submittal. The capital budget investment is estimated to be about \$19.75million to fund:

- \$11 million - Removal of the four highest priority derelict structures and incorporate nearshore and riparian habitat restoration in those projects
- \$2 million - Removal of tire reefs (that have been found to leach a chemical particularly toxic to salmon)
- \$4.5 million - Acceleration of nearshore restoration and aquatic debris removal
- \$2 million - The establishment of the grant program to incentivize and help small businesses implement measures to maintain or improve aquatic structures

Part V: New Rule Making Required

Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FISCAL NOTE

Department of Commerce

Bill Number: 5433 S SB

Title: Derelict aquatic structures

Part I: Jurisdiction-Location, type or status of political subdivision defines range of fiscal impacts.

Legislation Impacts:

- Cities:
- Counties:
- Special Districts:
- Specific jurisdictions only:
- Variance occurs due to:

Part II: Estimates

- No fiscal impacts.
- Expenditures represent one-time costs:
- Legislation provides local option: Jurisdictions with derelict aquatic structures on or above aquatic lands may enter into contract with the Department of Natural Resources to remediate these structures. Local government lessees of state-owned aquatic land may apply for grants from the Department of Natural Resources if they require financial assistance to comply with habitat stewardship measures.
- Key variables cannot be estimated with certainty at this time:

Estimated revenue impacts to:

None

Estimated expenditure impacts to:

None

Part III: Preparation and Approval

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OFM Review: Lisa Borkowski	Phone: (360) 742-2239	Date: 02/22/2023

Part IV: Analysis

A. SUMMARY OF BILL

Description of the bill with an emphasis on how it impacts local government.

This proposed substitute legislation would establish an Aquatic Derelict Structures Program meant to remove broken-down and hazardous structures and debris out of state- and privately-owned aquatic lands. The bill would authorize the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to remove, salvage, scrap, dispose of, refurbish, or repurpose a derelict aquatic structure on or above aquatic lands, within the department's jurisdiction or through purchase or acquisition of lands or facilities. DNR may enter into contract with local governments to carry out this authority.

The primary responsibility to remove a derelict aquatic structure belongs to the owner or lessee of the structure, and secondarily to DNR when it has jurisdiction over the aquatic lands on which the structure lies.

Sec. 3 would authorize DNR to purchase or acquire lands and facilities to where derelict aquatic structures are located to remove, salvage, scrap, dispose of, refurbish, or repurpose these structures, on or above aquatic lands. The primary responsibility to remove a derelict structure belongs to the owner or lessee of the structure, and secondarily to DNR when the department has jurisdiction over the aquatic lands where the structure is located.

Sec. 4 would establish the disposal requirements of derelict aquatic structures by DNR.

Sec. 5 would establish that qualifying derelict aquatic structure removal projects or project elements on aquatic lands not owned by a port district must be submitted to the Puget Sound Partnership Nearshore Credits Program.

Sec. 6 would establish the Derelict Structure Removal Account within the State Treasury.

Sec. 7 would authorize DNR to enter into contract with a local government to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 8 would establish a grant program for lessees of state-owned aquatic land who require financial assistance to comply with the habitat stewardship measures meant to protect nearshore habitat.

Sec. 9 would authorize DNR to partner with a local government to acquire aquatic structures for purposes of refurbishing or repurposing these structures in the interest of habitat benefits or the creation of amenities for the local community.

Sec. 11 would establish that Sec. 1 through Sec. 10 of this act constitute a new chapter in Title 79 RCW.

This bill would go into effect ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Natural Resources manages more than 4,000 aquatic leases statewide. Lessees of state-owned aquatic lands include marinas, restaurants, piers, docks, ports, and state parks that offer commercial and recreational opportunities for businesses, transportation, and public access.

Derelict structures are overwater and in-water structures that have been damaged, neglected, abandoned, and may be at risk of full or partial collapse into the waters of the state.

These structures often contain chemicals that are harmful to aquatic organisms that can leach into water and sediment for many years, which often have a negative impact on the environment and human health and safety.

B. SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE IMPACTS

Expenditure impacts of the legislation on local governments with the expenditure provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of expenditures. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This legislation would have no expenditure impact for local governments because it does not require them to take action.

As a local option, jurisdictions with derelict aquatic structures may enter into contract with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to remove, salvage, scrap, dispose of, refurbish, or repurpose these structures on or above aquatic lands. For jurisdictions that enter into contract with DNR, there would be a potential cost savings as they would be reimbursed for derelict structure removal, disposal, or refurbishment costs if they contracted with DNR.

A local government may also partner with DNR, as a local option, to acquire aquatic structures for purposes of refurbishing or repurposing these structures in the interest of habitat benefits or the creation of amenities for the local community.

C. SUMMARY OF REVENUE IMPACTS

Revenue impacts of the legislation on local governments, with the revenue provisions identified by section number, and when appropriate, the detail of revenue sources. Delineated between city, county and special district impacts.

This legislation would have no fiscal impact for local governments because it does not require them to take action.

Section 8 of this act would establish a grant program for lessees of state-owned aquatic land who require financial assistance to comply with environmental stewardship measures meant to protect nearshore habitat. The number of local governments that would apply to this program and the amount of funding allocated for these purposes are not currently known.

SOURCES:

Department of Natural Resources

Department of Natural Resources, Removal of Aquatic Structures (2023)

House Bill Analysis, HB 1378 (2023)

Senate Bill Report, SB 5433 (2023)