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sHB-5332

AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN BOATING REGULATIONS.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases various fines associated with boating law violations, and results in a minimal revenue gain to the resources of the General Fund. The bill increases the range (from \$300-\$500 to \$750-\$1,000) of the fine that may be imposed for abandoning a boat.

Additionally, the bill requires fines for certain boating violations (current law subjects someone who violates these provisions to a fine between \$60 and \$250) to be issued to the person the boat is registered to, when the person who committed the violation cannot be determined, which will result in additional fines and corresponding revenue. Between FY 22 and FY 25, there were a total of 486 offenses recorded and \$47,277 in fines collected under the statutes related to the changes impacted by the bill.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of offenses and the fines

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imposed and collected.