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sHB-5333

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF STRIPED BASS FISHING IN THE STATE.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 3870)

House Calendar No.: 268

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

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

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Derby, Shelton, Orange, Milford, Stratford	Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill prohibits striped bass fishing in the state between December 1 and March 31 annually and establishes graduated penalties for violating any regulation regarding striped bass taking. The bill imposes a fine of \$150 for a first offense, \$350 for a second offense, and \$500 for subsequent offenses

The bill requires that revenue from these violations will go to the state unless the infraction occurs in certain towns. This results in a potential revenue gain to the state and to the towns of Derby, Shelton, Orange, Milford, or Stratford beginning in FY 27.

Additionally, the bill establishes the non-harvested species conservation program working group and does not result in a fiscal

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impact as the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has the expertise necessary to staff the working group. The bill clarifies how donations to the non-harvested program must be deposited and allocated and does not result in a fiscal impact.

Lastly, the bill makes procedural changes regarding petitioning DEEP to require a safe, timely, and effective fish passage to be installed at any hydroelectric dam that is not subject to federal regulation. This is not anticipated to result in a cost to the state as DEEP has the staff and expertise necessary to complete the requirements contained within the bill.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of infractions.