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HB-5198

AN ACT REQUIRING THE STUDY OF THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY
IN THE STATE.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 6383)

House Calendar No.: 220

Senate Calendar No.: 561

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF - Revenue Loss	240	240

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to perform a study to determine whether policy and procedural changes within DEEP may increase the effectiveness of the use of technology. Additionally, it requires the agency to report on its findings to the Energy Committee by January 1, 2023. This has no fiscal impact as DEEP currently has expertise within its Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy (BETP) for this purpose.

Also, the bill prohibits the hand-harvesting of horseshoe crabs, while allowing for certain education and medical-related exemptions. This is expected to result in an annual revenue loss of \$240 since the 16 current license holders would not likely renew their hand-harvest endorsements issued by DEEP.

Lastly, the bill subjects someone to a \$25 fine for each horseshoe crab in violation of the bill. As there have been no violations and no revenue

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associated with this penalty under current law, this provision is not anticipated to have a fiscal impact.

House "A" adds the provision about horseshoe crabs that results in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact described above would continue into the future subject to the price of endorsements for horseshoe crabs.

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