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HB-6813

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEABIRD
AND SHOREBIRD PROTECTION PROGRAM.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 24 \$	FY 25 \$
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill: (1) lets the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) identify and assign shorebird protection areas along the coastline, and (2) establishes a separate infraction for each violation for anyone who disturbs these areas.

This results in a potential revenue gain from fines depending on what, if any, seabird or shorebird designations are made. Infractions are not crimes and are punishable by fines that usually range from \$100 to \$300.

The Out Years

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