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HB-6813

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

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 7643), House "B" (LCO 8527)
House Calendar No.: 314

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

The bill allows the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to designate and identify shorebird protection areas along state-owned public property and establishes a 25-foot setback area for pets, bicycles, and vehicles from these protection areas.

It establishes a separate infraction for each violation for anyone who disturbs these protected bird areas. This results in a potential General Fund revenue gain from fines to the extent violations are enforced. Infractions are not crimes and are punishable by fines that usually range from \$100 to \$300.

House "A" made several technical changes that are not expected to have a fiscal impact.

House "B" replaced the underlying bill with the provisions and impacts describe above.

The Out Years

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