

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 106** HLS 24RS 58

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Late fees and civil penalties for lobbyist	

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Provides relative to the assessment of penalties on lobbyists for failure to timely file required reports

Under current law, any executive, legislative, or local lobbyist whose registration or report is filed 11 or more days after it was due may be assessed, in addition to late fees, a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000. Proposed law changes the civil penalty to not exceed \$1,000. Proposed law provides that computation of days shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or other legal holidays.

Under current law, any lobbyist who fails to file or timely file any required report shall be assessed a late fee of \$50 per day with a maximum fee of \$1,500. Proposed law reduces the maximum fee for executive, legislative, or local lobbyist to \$500. Proposed law provides that computation of days shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or other legal holidays.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in SGF revenues as a result of decreasing penalties for failure to file or timely file required reports by executive, legislative, or local lobbyist. Proposed law decreases the maximum civil penalty of failure to register or file required reports for 11 or more days from \$10,000 to \$1,000. Proposed law also decreases the maximum late fee imposed from \$1,500 to \$500. Lastly, proposed law provides that computation of days shall not include Saturdays, Sundays, or other legal holidays.

NOTE: Penalties and fines imposed for the violation of these provisions are considered income not available to the Ethics Administration; thereby, accrues to the State General Fund.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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