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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 585** HLS 16RS 335

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Requires lobbyists to report certain information		

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Proposed law provides that if the name of an official is included in a report because expenditures were attributed to the official or to his spouse or minor child and the official, spouse, or minor child was invited but did not actually attend the function where the expenditures were made, the report shall include a statement indicating that the official, spouse, or minor child did not attend the function. Present law provides for enforcement by the Board of Ethics. Provides for the imposition of penalties for failing to include information required to be in a report. Proposed law makes present law penalties applicable to proposed law.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation may result in an increase in SGF expenditures to make changes to the current system for the online lobbyist expenditure reports. The Board of Ethics reports that proposed law will result in increased expenditures totaling \$2,000 (20 hours x \$100 per hour) for a professional services contract to develop, implement and test the new required information and the additional fields. Given the current expenditure reductions reflected in the executive budget recommendation (House Bill 1 - Original) for the Board of Ethics, the LFO believes it is likely that the additional funding would be required to provide the adjustments to the expenditure reports required in proposed law. If the recommended reduction is offset with sufficient expenditure authority and revenues to make whole the Board's existing staff resources, the Board reports that it can make this proposed adjustment without supplemental resources. To the extent numerous pieces of legislation may pass during the current legislative session causing the Board of Ethics to make similar changes, additional resources may be necessary.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in self-generated revenues as a result of imposition of penalties (potential fines) for failing to comply with proposed law. Fines from violations and late fees are considered income not available and accrue to the SGF.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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