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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/12/09

SPONSOR Chavez, E LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 535

SHORT TITLE Lobbyist Identification Badges SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Wilson

### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10	FY11		
	\$8.0	\$8.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$60.0	\$60.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

Relates to HB 99, HB 151, HB 244, HB 252, HB 253, HB 272, HB 495, HB 553, HB 614, HB 686, SB 49, SB 94, SB 116, SB 128, SB 139, SB 140, SB 163, SB 258, SB 262, SB 263, SB 269, SB 296, SB 346 & SB 521

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Secretary of State (SOS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 535 requires the issuance and display of lobbyist identification badges for registered lobbyists and increases the annual lobbyist filing fee from \$25 per lobbyist employer to \$35. The lobbyist must pay \$35 for each of the lobbyist's employers.

The SOS shall collect a fee \$10 for the issuance of a duplicate lobbyist identification badge.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The SOS will require an additional staff member for the Ethics Division to accommodate the requirements of this bill. They estimate that one FTE will cost \$52,000 and additional electronic equipment and training will cost \$8,000 for a total of \$60,000.

The bill raises filing fees to registered lobbyists by \$10. The SOS has approximately 800 registered lobbyists so there will be approximately \$8,000 in increased revenues.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

SOS notes that several registered lobbyists represent a large number of employers. Fitting all lobbyist employer names legibly on an identification card will not be possible.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The SOS does not have a computer program to automatically generate lobbyist badges. The creation of these badges will require one staff member to manually type all the required information.

## **RELATIONSHIP**

HB 535 relates to the following ethics bills:

- HB 99, Prohibit Former Legislators as Lobbyists
- HB 151, State Ethics Commission Act
- HB 244, Prohibit Contractor Contribution Solicitation
- HB 252, Political Contributions to Candidates
- HB 253, Quarterly Filing of Certain Campaign Reports
- HB 272, Quarterly Campaign Report Filing
- HB 495, Political Candidate & Committee Donations
- HB 553, Disclosure of Lobbyist Expenses
- HB 614, State Ethics Commission Act
- HB 686, AG Prosecution of State Officer Crimes
- SB 49, Governmental Conduct Act For Public Officers
- SB 94, Prohibit Former Legislators as Lobbyists
- SB 116, Limit Contributions to Candidates & PACs
- SB 128, Require Biannual Campaign Reports
- SB 139, State Ethics Commission Act
- SB 140, State Ethics Commission Act
- SB 163, Prohibit Former Legislators as Lobbyists
- SB 258, Contribution from State Contractors
- SB 262, Political Contributions to Candidates
- SB 263, Contractor Disclosure of Contributions
- SB 269, State Bipartisan Ethics Commission Act
- SB 296, State Contractor Contribution Disclosure
- SB 346, Political Contributions to Candidates
- SB 521, Campaign Contributions in Certain Elections
- SB 535, Election Definition of Political Committee