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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Campos, P. **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/26/10 **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHORT TITLE** District Attorney Fund Distribution **SB** 133  
**ANALYST** Ortiz

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	No Appropriation		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 133 would allow the Director of the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys to distribute a percentage of the District Fund to individual District Attorney's Offices for training and other necessary expenses required to support the operation of district attorneys' offices throughout the state. Distributions will be made equitably at the Director's discretion.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Because the bill gives AODA director discretion over distribution of the fund, it is difficult to estimate the additional operating revenue that individual district attorney offices may receive.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Fund are generated from worthless check fees, preprosecution diversion fees, other statutory revenues directed to the fund, appropriations, gifts, grants and donations. Currently, statute requires AODA use the funds for the sole purpose of meeting necessary expenses incurred in the operation of the administrative office of the district attorneys. While the amendment has the potential to help districts, it may cause conflict among the districts if there is disagreement over the AODA director's distribution of the fund.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

According to AODA, prosecution performance of the District Attorneys could be affected by not amending this bill. Services are already compromised because of the severe budget deficit; this bill could assist with performance by giving the District Attorneys another means to fund necessary expenses.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The District Attorney fund will not be able to assist District Attorneys with support from the district attorney fund.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

What is the current balance in the district attorney fund?

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