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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/28/12

SPONSOR Feldman LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Use of Legislative Campaign Funds SB 116

ANALYST Chabot

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SJR 6

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General Office (AGO)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Secretary of State (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 116 amends Section 1-19-29.1 NMSA 1978 on the use of campaign funds to eliminate the provision that legislators may use funds “reasonably related to performing the duties of the office.” The bill is contingent on the people approving the proposed constitutional amendment in SJR 6.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no state fiscal impact that would result from this bill; individual legislators would be unable to use campaign funds for expenditures related to performing their duties. The fiscal impact would result from voters approving the proposed constitutional amendment in SJR 6.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The AGO assesses there are no significant legal issues and it represents a policy question for the Legislature.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 116 relates to SJR 6 which if adopted would provide up to \$10 thousand to each legislator for job related expenses except those reimbursed by per diem and/or mileage.

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