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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4598-01
Bill No.: Perfected HB 1575
Subject: Ethics; Lobbying
Type: Original
Date: January 13, 2016

Bill Summary: This proposal requires lodging and travel expenses for out-of-state travel to be reported within thirty days of receipt of payment or within thirty days of the actual trip, whichever first occurs, with a financial penalty for failing to timely report.

FISCAL SUMMARY

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
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| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
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| | | | |
| Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
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| Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

| ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS | | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED | FY 2017 | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| Local Government | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials at the **Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC)** assume §105.485.2.(9).(e) requires the statement reporting any lodging and travel expense paid by a third party to be filed within thirty days of receipt of the funds or thirty days of the trip for which the funds were given.

This change would require the MEC to do the following:

- Provide information to public officials and the public as specified in the Commission duties in §105.491, 105.955.14 (4), RSMo, about the new statutory requirements; examples include providing education, developing informational materials, and fielding telephone and email questions.
- Assess late fees for the required reports. Assessment of late fees requires identifying and tracking late or non-filers; creating late filer and/or non-filer notices; communicating with the late filer and/or non-filer through written correspondence, telephone, and email; tracking the receipt of payments; receipting and depositing collection of late fee; referring those individuals who do not pay the late fee assessment to the Attorney General's office for collection.
- Respond to written complaints, as established in §105.955.14, RSMo, through conducting investigations and any legal actions arising from those investigations. Any significant increase in complaints would require additional Commission resources, including investigative staff.

It is assumed this prohibition would result in a minimal number of complaints; however, if this assumption is incorrect the Commission would require additional staff resources.

Officials at the **Office of the Secretary of State** assume no fiscal impact from this proposal to their organization.

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| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> | FY 2017 (10 Mo.) | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2017 (10 Mo.) | FY 2018 | FY 2019 |
| | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

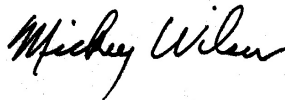
FISCAL DESCRIPTION

The proposed legislation appears to have no direct fiscal impact.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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