



FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 227

Committee: Ethics and Campaign Finance

Sponsor: Representative Matt Simpson

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House Bill 227 as reported by the committee on Ethics and Campaign Finance, would increase the compensation of the five members of the State Ethics Commission from \$50 a day, currently, to \$250 a day, which would increase obligations of the commission by a minimum of \$6,000 annually. This bill would also increase the annual lobbyist registration fee from \$100, currently, to \$200, which would increase receipts to the commission by an estimated \$5,500 annually. In addition, this bill would establish fees for late reporting ranging from \$150 to \$1,200 per offense and would increase the late fee for filings of Statement of Economic Interests from \$10 a day, currently, to \$20 a day, up to a total of \$1,000. These provisions could increase receipts to the State General Fund by an undetermined amount dependent on the amount of late reports submitted.

In addition, this bill could increase receipts to the State General Fund and municipal general funds from fines; increase receipts to the State General Fund, county general funds, municipal general funds, and other funds to which court costs are deposited; and could increase the obligations of the State General Fund, local jails, the district attorneys, the Department of Corrections, the Bureau of Pardons and Paroles, and community corrections programs by an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of persons charged with and convicted of the offenses provided by this bill and the penalties imposed.