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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ivey-Soto/Rep J Smith ORIGINAL DATE 2/18/17 HB _____
LAST UPDATED _____
SHORT TITLE Lobbyist Reporting Requirements SB 393
ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Senate Bill 193 relates to SB168, Lobbyist Reporting Requirement & Fees, SB225, Estimated Lobbyist Expense Reporting Filing; SB228, Post-Session Lobbyist Reports; and HB73, Public Officials as Lobbyists.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 393 (SB393) would amend the Lobbyist Regulation Act changing the reporting threshold to require cumulative reporting of expenses incurred under \$100, in addition to the existing requirement for reporting single transactions over \$100. The bill also proposes to change the deadline to 'no later than' the required date instead of the current deadline of 11:59PM.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not include an appropriation.

The Secretary of State's Office (SOS) indicates it anticipates minimal to no administrative impact should this legislation be enacted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The SOS indicates the proposed amendment would close a loophole in lobbyist reporting that currently does not require the reporting of expenses under \$100.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The sponsor may want to consider adding a small dollar threshold such that incidental items such as a cup of coffee or a stick of gum do not require disclosure.

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