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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/16/17

SPONSOR Maestas/Ely LAST UPDATED _____ HB 358

SHORT TITLE Public Fees & Funds Study Committee SB _____

ANALYST Sánchez

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
	\$40.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, Feed Bill

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 358 proposes to create a new joint interim committee of the legislature, the public fees and funds study committee. The purpose of the committee is to:

- Study federal and state constitutional, statutory and rule provisions governing special funds;
- Study the proliferation of earmarked and other funds and accounts;
- Assess the costs and benefits of separate funds and accounts;
- Study statutory fees and state agency-created administrative fees;
- Assess the efficiency of allowing state agencies to keep and budget fees rather than depositing them into the general fund for appropriation by the legislature; and
- Study other matters pertaining to money received from the public and accounted for separately.

The bill requires the legislative council to appoint eight members to the committee, four each from the house and the senate representing both major political parties.

The bill asks the committee to make an interim report to the second session of the fifty-third legislature and a final report with findings and recommendations for consideration by the legislature of the first session of the fifty-fourth session. The interim committee shall exist from

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the date of its appointment until December 1, 2018. The legislative council services shall approve staff for the committee.

The bill appropriates \$40 thousand from the general fund to the LCS for expenditures in fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation in HB358 of \$40 thousand is a non-recurring expense to the general funded. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2019 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The legislature has 26 interim committees of which three have permanent year-round staff. The committee proposed in HB358 would be staffed by the permanent staff of the Legislative Council Service (LCS). Its staff supports 24 interim committees.

The financial audit for LCS, posted on the Office of the State Auditor website, shows a general fund reversion of \$668.4 thousand for fiscal year 2016.

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