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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6672

BILL NUMBER: SB 156

DATE PREPARED: Dec 7, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Attorney's Fees Awarded to Attorney General.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill creates a fund to cover litigation expenses incurred by the Attorney General. The bill makes an appropriation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: This bill clarifies current law related to the use of attorney fee's awarded to the state as a result of settlements or litigation in which the Office of the Attorney General provided counsel. The bill places fees awarded to the state into a dedicated, nonreverting fund. Money in the fund would be appropriated annually to the Attorney General to reimburse the Office for expenses incurred in settlements and litigation.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Attorney General's Office.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Jennifer Thuma, Legislative Counsel, Attorney General's Office, 233-6143.