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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6672

BILL NUMBER: SB 156

DATE PREPARED: Feb 21, 2002

BILL AMENDED: Feb 21, 2002

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: (Revised) 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. Any appropriation would be subject to approval of the Budget Agency and review by the State Budget Committee.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Attorney General's Office; State Budget Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

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