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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6556

BILL NUMBER: HB 1038

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 6, 2002

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Lobbying Reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Crooks

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill decreases the threshold from \$100 to \$25 at which a lobbyist must report gifts to members of the General Assembly. The bill requires that the report must include a description and estimated value of each gift. The bill requires the Lobby Registration Commission to publish the reports of gifts to legislators on the Commission's Internet website. The bill makes conforming amendments to the statute describing the content of the legislator economic interest statement.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Lowering the dollar amount of the threshold in which lobbyists must report gifts to members of the General Assembly from \$100 to \$25 will increase the Lobby Registration Commission's administrative burden. The bill's requirement that the Commission publish the reports of gifts on the Commission's Internet site no later than ten days after receiving the reports will also have an administrative impact on the Commission. Due to the Commission's limited staff, it is presumed that the changes in the reporting and posting requirements may necessitate the Commission's hiring of temporary staff during certain times of the year.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. The Commission reverted \$36,627 in FY 2002. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Lobby Registration Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Lobby Registration Commission, <http://www.in.gov/ilrc>.

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