

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: SB 273 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Reduces maximum penalty that may be imposed for failure to file ethics statements in timely fashion from \$5,000 to \$1,000.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Government Ethics Commission

**Expenditure Impact:**

Please see analysis

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:**

The measure does not have a direct impact on the expenditures of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. However, the fines for failure to file timely statements of economic interest and lobbyist/lobbyist employer expenditure statements imposed by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) are deposited in the General Fund. From 2008 through 2010 there have been 20 fines greater than \$1,000 assessed by the OGEC, 15 for economic interest statements and 5 for lobbyist/lobbyist employer expenditure statements. The total amount in excess of \$1,000 of these fines is \$26,450. Therefore, while the exact number and amount of future fines is unknown, the revenue impact to the General Fund as a result of adoption of this measure is estimated to be -\$8,817 per year based on the average annual fines in excess of \$1,000 from 2008 through 2010.