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TO: Honorable Leo Berman, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1085 by Smith, Todd (Relating to political contributions and expenditures; providing civil and criminal penalties.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1085, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$35,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2008	(\$35,000)
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2008	(\$35,000)
2009	\$0
2010	\$0
2011	\$0
2012	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would provide additional definitions for filers required to submit reports the Texas Ethics Commission. In addition, the bill would repeal various reporting requirements and create an additional new reporting category.

Methodology

The Texas Ethics Commission indicates that in order to implement the provisions of the bill creating a new reporting category, the agency would be required to modify the existing reporting software used for reporting by filers in order to create a new filing category. According to the agency, modification of the existing reporting software would require contracting with a private vendor at a cost of \$35,000 in General Revenue.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 356 Texas Ethics Commission

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