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TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
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IN RE: **SB1874** by Fallon (Relating to the timely filing of reports of political contributions and expenditures; increasing a criminal penalty.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to increase the penalty for failure to file timely reports of political contributions and expenditures in certain circumstances. The bill would increase the offense in certain circumstances to a Class B misdemeanor. It is assumed any additional costs to the State court system could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

A Class B misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000, confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days, or both. Costs associated with enforcement, prosecution and confinement could likely be absorbed within existing resources. Revenue gain from fines imposed and collected is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implication.

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