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FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Holbert
Rep. Salazar

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Bill Status: House Second Reading
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BILL TOPIC: ADMINISTRATION OF LAWS GOVERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	<u>up to \$2,000</u>	<u>up to \$2,000</u>
Cash Funds	up to \$2,000	up to \$2,000
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing state expenditure increase.		

Summary of Legislation

This bill, **as amended by the House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs committee**, requires an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) that hears campaign finance complaints to complete four credit hours of continuing legal education annually. The four credit hours must be related to election or campaign finance law and must be certified by the Colorado Supreme Court. The Secretary of State's Office (SOS) is required to create a campaign finance training course and post it on the SOS website. An ALJ may, but is not required to, satisfy their annual continuing legal education requirement by completing the SOS online training course.

This bill also authorizes anyone that is awarded reasonable attorneys fees and costs from an ALJ campaign finance hearing to seek the enforcement of those awarded fees in court without the involvement of the SOS.

State Expenditures

For FY 2016-17 and each year thereafter, this bill increases expenditures in the Department of Personnel and Administration by up to \$2,000.

Department of Personnel and Administration. Some ALJs may elect not to satisfy their annual continuing legal education requirement through the SOS online training course. For the ALJs requesting a non-web based training option, up to \$2,000 may be required to contract with a trainer to provide the required continuing legal education.

Secretary of State. While this bill requires the SOS to create an online campaign finance training course, no appropriation is necessary because the SOS is currently in the process of creating this online training course and will host it, at no additional cost, on the existing Learning Management System. No fee will be required to take the online training course.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 10, 2016, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2016, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

Departmental Difference

The DPA estimates an appropriation of \$2,000 is needed to implement this bill. This appropriation would be used to contract with a trainer to provide the required continuing legal education training to some ALJs. Since the ALJs are not required to satisfy the annual continuing legal education through the SOS online program, the DPA assumes that some will choose not to utilize the SOS online training program. The fiscal note does not contain an appropriation because the bill does not require DPA to provide training to ALJs and the ALJs can take the training for free using the SOS online training program. Should the DPA choose to contract for this training and existing appropriations are not sufficient to cover the cost, the DPA can request funds through the annual budget process.

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