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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *						
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11			
_	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE		
GENERAL FUNDS	25,000		25,000			
CASH FUNDS						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUNDS						
TOTAL FUNDS	25,000		25,000			

^{*}Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill allows the Equal Opportunity Commission to hire counsel on a fee for service basis or employ in-house counsel if the Attorney General does not act in cases filed under the Fair Housing Act.

The estimated cost for hiring outside legal counsel is \$25,000 annually.

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COMMENTS

ATTORNEY GENERAL - Concur with agency analysis.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMM. – Section (1) of LB 442 states that "If the Attorney General has not filed a petition for injunctive relief in the appropriate district court thirty days after receipt of authorization from the Commission, the Commission may employ counsel on a fee-for-service basis or utilize in-house counsel to file the petition directly in court." The Commission need only employ counsel if the AG does not file within thirty days. The impact could be \$0 if the AG files all appropriate actions. The \$25,000 fiscal impact estimate by the NEOC assumes they will need to hire counsel at some point but does not estimate the number of cases where this might occur. No basis to confirm NEOC estimate.