

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1531
Version:	Introduced
Request Number:	5155
Author:	Representative Montgomery
Date:	2/9/2017
Impact:	\$0 Immediate to the State; Creating the Unclaimed Property Endowment Trust Fund; Allowing Investments; Partial FTE for Staffing at OST

Research Analysis

HB 1531 creates the “Unclaimed Property Endowment Trust Fund.” The principal of the fund will consist of all funds received under the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act minus deductions taken by the State Treasurer for expenses related to the administration of the Unclaimed Property Fund and the funds in excess of the necessary reserve that are deposited into the General Revenue Fund (GRF.)

The measure also creates a Board of Investors of the Unclaimed Property Endowment Trust Fund that will invest monies in the Unclaimed Property Endowment Trust Fund in accordance with laws that govern investment of monies in state retirement funds. The Board will annually certify the amount of earnings from the fund which will be deposited into the GRF.

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Fiscal Analysis

Creation of the Unclaimed Property Endowment Trust Fund and allowing funds to be invested in accordance with laws applicable to state retirement funds has no immediate significant impact to state revenues, as existing unclaimed property funds are invested as part of the Treasurer’s overall portfolio and earnings are deposited into the General Revenue Fund. The average rate of return on the Treasurer’s portfolio over the last five years has totaled 1.92 percent; any changes to this rate and potential impact to the General Revenue Fund, pursuant to the measure’s approval, will depend on any future investments and the size of the investable base. The office of the State Treasurer anticipates the need for a partial full-time equivalent employee to help staff the Investment Board, but any associated impact would be minimal.

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Other Considerations

None.