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POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION REFUND Repeal

February 14, 2011

Department of Revenue
Analysis of H.F. 66 (Drazkowski) / S.F. 190 (Senjem)

	Yes	No
DOR Administrative Costs/Savings	X	

	<u>Fund Impact</u>			
	<u>F.Y. 2012</u>	<u>F.Y. 2013</u>	<u>F.Y. 2014</u>	<u>F.Y. 2015</u>
General Fund	\$5,400	\$6,400	\$5,500	\$6,500

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Effective for political contribution refund claims based on contributions made on or after July 1, 2011.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

The political contribution refund provides a refund to individuals for contributions made to qualifying political parties and candidates. The maximum refund is \$50 for an individual and \$100 for a married couple filing jointly. The refund claim must be filed no later than April 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the contribution was made.

Under current law the refund provisions are eliminated for contributions made after June 30, 2009, and before July 1, 2011.

The bill would repeal the political contribution refund.

REVENUE ANALYSIS DETAIL

- The annual estimates correspond to the November 2010 Minnesota Management and Budget economic forecast.
- The repeal of the inactive refund program would result in no additional claims being processed.
- Previously, about 90,000 political contribution refunds were made annually.

Source: Minnesota Department of Revenue
Tax Research Division
http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy