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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR HRC

SHORT TITLE Audio or Video of Committee Proceedings SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
		NFI	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of HRC Amendment

House Rules and Order of Business Committee Substitute for House Resolution 2 proposes the adoption of a new House Rule 9-5-7 to allow photography, video or audio recording or transmission of committee proceedings with the permission of the chair of the committee. The original resolution referred to the “chairman” of a committee.

House Rules and Order of Business Committee Substitute for House Resolution 2 also amends House Rule 9-10 by adding the duty of a committee chairperson “to ensure that the decorum of the committee is preserved while maximizing the public’s ability to observe, report on and participate in the meeting...”

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications noted. However, some costs may be incurred to implement the provisions of this bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The number of states that provide live broadcasts of their proceedings over the Internet and television continues to grow. As of January 2009, live proceedings were available on the Internet from 46 states plus Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Many legislatures also are offering web casts of all or selected committee hearings. About half the states also achieve floor or committee proceedings for varying periods of time. At least 27 states and D.C. broadcast some legislative proceedings on television.

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