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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Steinborn & Papen **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/30/14
LAST UPDATED 02/12/14 **HCR** 1/aHAFC
SHORT TITLE Webcast Interim Committee Meetings **SB** _____
ANALYST Armstrong

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	TBD		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HR 2

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee's amendment to HCR 1 provides that the requirement that audio and video streams be archived is subject to the financial capability of the House of Representatives.

Synopsis of Bill

House Concurrent Resolution 1 creates Joint Rule 13-1 to require live audio and video streams of interim committee proceedings, subject to Legislative Council Service financial and technical capabilities, and archiving of these streams.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This concurrent resolution does not include an appropriation. However, archiving these video and audio streams will carry some cost. The utility of archiving proceedings without cataloging the archive to make it easily navigable is unclear. Thus, in addition to the costs of obtaining and maintaining a server to host the archive, an information technology specialist or librarian may need to organize the archive to ensure it is readily accessible for users.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 35 states archive video or audio or both of floor proceedings and 29 states do the same for committee proceedings.

RELATIONSHIP

House Resolution 2 amends House Rules 9-5-8 and 23-8-1 to require archiving of audio and video streams of House standing committee and floor proceedings, including when meeting in the committee of the whole or in joint session with the Senate.

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