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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Steinborn **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/26/2016  
**LAST UPDATED** 2/4/2016 **HR** 1

**SHORT TITLE** Archive House Webcasting **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Leger

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$5.0 – 200.0	\$20.0 – 40.0	\$5.0 – 240.0	Recurring	*see fiscal implications

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to:  
 House Bill 1 (Feed Bill)  
 House Bill 301 (Archive Legislative Webcasts)  
 House Bill 311 (Transfers & Reversions to General Fund)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Resolution

House Resolution 1 proposes amending rules of the House of Representative (9-5-8 and 23-8-1) to provide archiving of video and audio streams of house and committee proceedings.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HR 1 indicates that rule changes are subject to the financial capability of the House of Representatives. To effectively and efficiently carry out the resolution adequate information technology storage space must exist. Research indicates year one to be the most costly at approximately \$5.0 – 200.0 thousand for adequate storage, servers, interface and minor website redesign. The cost range is so large because the cost of housing files externally is likely to cost less than housing files internally. A minimum recurring cost of approximately \$20.0 – 40.0 thousand may exist for additional storage in subsequent years. HR 1 does not appropriate funding to cover the expenses and may have to be absorbed in the operating budget of the House of Representatives (session budget). The question was raised about the use of legislative fund balances to cover this expense. Historically, authorization to expend legislative fund balances is appropriated to Legislative Council Services and not one chamber of the legislature or the other.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HR 1 proposes House Rule 9-5-8 be amended by dissolving language indicating that video streams shall not be archived and calls for streams to be publicly available through the legislature’s website for five years following the adjournment of the relevant session. Enactment of the change would be the first session of the fifty-third legislature and subject to the financial capability of the house.

Changes to House Rule 23-8-1 item “c” relates to the video images during third reading of legislation; striking language exempting video of a member speaking for such a short period of time that the live video image should instead be of the member who previously spoke; new language indicates video should be of the member who has been recognized and is speaking, of the members who are debating the question or of the entire chamber from the perspective of the rear of the chamber.

Item “f” of House Rule 23-8-1 strikes in its entirety language that the live stream shall not be archived and adds the following language, “no later than the beginning of the first session of the fifty-third legislature an subject to the financial capability of the house, the stream shall be publicly available through the legislature’s website for five years following the adjournment of the relevant session.”

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Page 1, lines 23-25 identifies the forty-ninth and fiftieth legislatures as those that shall be accessible through the legislature’s website; this section should correspond to page 2, line 11 and page 4, line 14 identifying enactment of the rule as the fifty-third legislature.

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