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# FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

		LAST UPDATED	
SPONSOR Rep.	McQueen/Sen. Woods	ORIGINAL DATE	2/5/2025
		BILL	House Concurrent
SHORT TITLE	Limit Number of Bill Intros by Member	er NUMBER	Resolution 1
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## **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT\***

(dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	Indeterminate but minimal	Indeterminate but minimal	Indeterminate but minimal	Recurring	General Fund
Total	No fiscal impact	Indeterminate but minimal	Indeterminate but minimal	Indeterminate but minimal	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

Relates to House Bill 256

#### Sources of Information

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#### **SUMMARY**

## Synopsis of House Concurrent Resolution 1

House Concurrent Resolution 1 (HCR1) amends the joint rules of the House and Senate to limit the number of bills a member can introduce or sponsor in a regular legislative session. A member of the House or Senate shall not introduce more than five bills. For bills jointly sponsored, a bill will have one lead sponsor whose name will be listed first with no more than four other sponsors and unlimited co-sponsors. Members are limited to lead five jointly sponsored bills.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost to implement HCR1 could be absorbed in the operating budgets for the House and Senate chief clerks.

With a limit on the number of bills introduced, the full-time legislative agencies responsible for researching and drafting legislation, as well as writing fiscal impact reports, may recognize budget savings. A review of contracts listed on the legislative website show multiple contracts that range from \$10 thousand to \$25 thousand for the 2025 legislative session for research, drafting, and writing of fiscal impact reports.

<sup>\*</sup>Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

If members are limited to introduce or lead five bills in a legislative session, no more than 560 bills can be introduced.

The table below shows the number of bills introduced and the number of legislators who have introduced less than five bills between the 2020 and 2024 legislative session. As of 2/4/2025, 555 bills have been introduced. The figures do not include resolutions, joint memorials, joint resolutions, or memorials.

Legislative	# of bills	# of legislators introducing < 5		
year	introduced			
2020*	727	63		
2021	805	50		
2022*	503	83		
2023	1,084	34		
2024*	658	64		

<sup>\* 30-</sup>day session

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## **RELATIONSHIP**

HCR1 relates to House Bill 256, which removes the deadline for introducing legislation for any regular session of the legislature.

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