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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/14/09

SPONSOR HCPAC LAST UPDATED _____ HB 895/HCPACS

SHORT TITLE Legal Notices On Tv & Tv Websites 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

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Consumer and Public Affairs substitute for House Bill 895 provides that the requirement of publication of legal notices may be satisfied by broadcasting the notice on a radio or television station audible in the location in which publication is required. The notice must both be read and posted on the station's web site.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Fiscal implications for the HCPAC substitute for HB 895 will involve the costs charged by broadcast outlets for broadcast and posting on their websites of legal notices relative to the the publication of these notices in print media. Because the substitute is permissive, legal notices could be posted in either print or broadcast media without financial impact on those required to post the notices.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HCPAC substitute for HB 895 provides no requirements for what times during the day the spoken version of the notice would be required. Hypothetically, broadcasters could choose to read these announcements when most viewers are not watching television or listening to the radio. Similarly, there is no specification of the duration of posting on the broadcast outlet's website.

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Publication rates for print media are set by the Secretary of the General Services Department. There is no provision for rate setting for publication in the broadcast media.

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