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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/5/15

SPONSOR Steinborn LAST UPDATED _____ HR 2/aHAFC

SHORT TITLE Archive House Audio & Video Streams SB _____

ANALYST Jorgensen/Armstrong

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The amendment provided that the audio and video of house standing committees and floor sessions shall be publicly available for five years subject to the financial capability of the House to pay for the storage of the content.

Synopsis of Bill

HR 2 requires the live audio and video streams of House standing committees and House floor sessions to be made available to the public on the New Mexico Legislature’s website.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Because the number of hours of video content, the resolution of the video, and the storage options are not yet known, the potential fiscal impact is unquantifiable. However, the New Mexico Commission for Public Records (CPR) reports that a recent imaging project required the purchase of hardware to accommodate 30 terabytes of data storage at a cost of \$40 thousand dollars in addition to staff time to install and configure the hardware and software systems. For reference, a single terabyte can hold 472 hours of broadcast quality (standard definition) video. Based on the experience of the CPR, it is highly unlikely that the storage of the recordings will cost over \$40 thousand per year, and will likely cost far less, depending on quality.

It is likely the largest cost will be in the organization of the recordings. Without knowing how the recordings are to be sorted and organized, it is not possible to estimate a cost. Should HR 2 pass the House, LCS staff will write an RFP and provide the Legislature with a cost estimate for

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storage and organization for consideration for funding in House Bill 1 during the 2016 legislative session, the “feed bill” which funds the legislative session.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

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

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