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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sanchez, M ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/16
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Joint Session Seating Open to the Public SCR 2

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Concurrent Resolution

Senate Concurrent Resolution 2 resolves when the legislature meets in joint session “no seating in the gallery during a joint session shall be reserved. All gallery seating during a joint session shall be open to the public.”

In addition, grammatical changes are made to text without changing the meaning.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This resolution is a result of complaints received during the Governor’s latest state of the address where the gallery seating was reserved before the session and seating was not available to the public.

Legislative Joint Rule 8-1 requires approval of changes to joint rules by concurrent resolution be approved by two-thirds of the membership of each house.

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