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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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BILL TOPIC: ALLOW ELECTRONIC COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION DURING INTERIM

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017 (Current year)	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue			
State Expenditures General Fund	Potential expenditure decrease. See State Expenditures section.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Potential expenditure decrease.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill gives the executive committee of the Legislative Council the power to allow members of the General Assembly to participate electronically in committee meetings during the interim. A majority of members must attend a meeting in person for a committee to hold a vote, and only members attending the meeting in person are permitted to vote. Members who participate electronically may receive per diem or other compensation they are otherwise entitled to claim for attendance at the meeting, but may not be reimbursed for any expenses incurred to participate electronically.

Background

House Bill 14-1303 authorized the executive committee of the Legislative Council to establish policies allowing legislative committees to take remote testimony from one or more centralized sites around the state. Seven committee rooms in the Capitol and Legislative Services Building have been outfitted with the necessary equipment to facilitate remote testimony.

State Expenditures

Conditional upon the executive committee of the Legislative Council making rules permitting electronic participation in committee meetings during the interim, the bill may reduce general fund expenditures for the Legislative Department beginning in the current FY 2016-17. Allowing committee members to participate remotely decreases the amount reimbursed to those members in travel costs to attend interim committee meetings in Denver. For example, if a legislator from

the Western Slope attended a meeting electronically, the cost savings would be approximately \$390 (\$240 for mileage and \$150 for hotel) per meeting; a legislator from southern Colorado would save approximately \$260 (\$110 for mileage and \$150 for hotel) per meeting.

Some of these costs may be offset by increased per diem expenditures if members attend a meeting remotely that they otherwise would not have attended at all. Legislators receive \$120.40 in salary and supplemental benefits per meeting day attended. However, as the number of members that would attend electronically or the frequency that they would attend are not currently known, the specific fiscal impact has not been estimated.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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