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# Fiscal Note

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<b>Prime Sponsors:</b>	Rep. Arndt Sen. Ginal	<b>Bill Status:</b>	House SCMVA
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**Bill Topic:**                   **NONSUBSTANTIVE EMAILS & OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

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**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**                   **No fiscal impact.** The bill clarifies that electronic mail between elected officials that does not relate to the merits or substance of pending legislation does not constitute a meeting under Colorado Open Meetings Law. It does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state or local government.

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**Appropriation Summary:**                   No appropriation is required.

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**Fiscal Note Status:**                   The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

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## Summary of Legislation

The bill clarifies that electronic mail between elected officials that does not relate to the merits or substance of pending legislation does not constitute a meeting under Colorado Open Meetings Law. This includes electronic mail communication:

- regarding scheduling and availability;
- sent by an elected official for the purposes of forwarding information;
- responding to an inquiry from an individual who is not a member of the state or local public body;  
or
- posing a question for later discussion by the public body.

## Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

This bill clarifies current law. It does not affect the revenue or expenditures of any state or local government and is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed, and applies to electronic mail communication sent on or after the bill's effective date.

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