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HB 19-1087

FINAL FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Rep. Soper; Hansen Sen. Woodward; Bridges	Bill Status:	Signed into Law
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Bill Topic: LOCAL PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES POSTED ON WEBSITE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure (<i>minimal</i>)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows local government entities to post a notice of public meetings on their website 24 hours before holding the meeting. The bill minimally increases state workload and increases local expenditures and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

Under Colorado's Sunshine law, a local government must provide full and timely public notice of any meeting of two or more members of a public body at which any public business is discussed or at which any formal action may be taken. Starting on July 1, 2019, this bill allows all local government entities to fulfill this requirement by posting a notice of public meetings on the entity's website, available to the public at no charge, at least 24 hours before holding that meeting. To the extent possible, the notice should be searchable by the type of meeting, date of meeting, time of meeting, agenda content, and any other category deemed appropriate by the local government entity. Any local government that chooses to post their notices online must also provide the web address of the local entity's website to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Finally, the bill aligns the meeting posting requirements for special districts with the Colorado's Sunshine Law.

Background

There is no current law requirement that public meeting notices be made on internet websites. The Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) offers website hosting and other services to local governments in Colorado at no cost.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2019-20, workload to the Division of Local Government in DOLA will increase to provide technical assistance to local governments that do not already have a website available and to update its database of local government entities to reflect web addresses submitted in accordance with the bill. This increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

For each local government entity that does not have a website to post meetings, costs may increase to create one, if a local government entity chooses to do so. If a local government entity chooses to enter an agreement with SIPA, costs to host a website may be decreased, but workload and staff training on the website may still be necessary.

Effective Date

This bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 25, 2019, and takes effect August 2, 2019, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Information Technology	Local Affairs
Municipalities	Regional Transportation District	School Districts