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Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: COLORADO OPEN MEETINGS LAW FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Summary of Fiscal Impact: **No fiscal impact.** The bill modifies open meetings and open records law related to meetings and communications of members of the General Assembly. The bill has no impact on state or local revenue or expenditures.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

For purposes of applying the Colorado Open Meetings Law to public bodies of the General Assembly, this bill makes the following changes:

- establishes that a political caucus is a public body and subject to meeting notification requirements;
- prohibits serial meetings as a violation of the open meetings law;
- clarifies that electronic written communication between two or more members of the General Assembly is not a meeting subject to open meeting requirements, although the communication may still be subject to Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests;
- prohibits electronic written communication exchanged between a quorum that occurs at the same time as a meeting concerning public business;
- requires the notice of a meeting to identify any relevant statutory provisions governing the notice; and
- requires minutes of a meeting to include the names of members in attendance; specify if attendance was in person, remote, or a hybrid; and note if a recording of the meeting was made.

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill clarifies application of the open meetings law and CORA with respect to meetings and communications of public bodies of the General Assembly. These changes will have no impact on the workload or expenditures of any of the Legislative Department service agencies; therefore, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature, and applies to meetings of a state public body of the General Assembly on or after that date.

State and Local Government Contacts

All Legislative Service Agencies

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