

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 7 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Cameron, Conger, Matthews, Sheehan, Smith J., Holvey, Whisnant

Nays: Clem

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires electronic submission of executive summaries of reports and notices of rulemaking that must be submitted to members of the Legislative Assembly. Prohibits members from opting out of the electronic submission and asking for paper copy of rulemaking notice.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Affect only on Legislative Assembly
- Support and willingness of agencies to provide hard copy on case-by-case basis
- Budgets of Legislative Assembly members and agency budgets

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Whenever a law requires a written report be submitted to the Legislative Assembly, an executive summary must be provided to every member. Notice of rulemaking must be submitted to the legislator who introduced the bill and to the chair or co-chairs of all committees that reported the bill out. Current statute does not specify how these executive summaries and notices are to be sent to members of the Legislative Assembly.

Since 2009 the Legislative Assembly has been experimenting with paperless systems. In addition to office computers, each member has a laptop for use in hearing rooms and on the chamber floors. Paper files are being used less frequently as a means to save space, time, and money. Even with the effort to move to a paperless office, the capitol recycled 41 tons of paper in 2010.