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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/12/09

SPONSOR Boitano LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Senate Live Audio & Video Web Streaming SR 4

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB401, SR3, and HR2; please see “RELATIONSHIP” below.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Resolution 4 proposes to amend the Senate Rules to authorize live audio and video streaming of Senate Floor proceedings.

The resolution proposes to amend an existing Senate Rule, 9-2-1, to create a “Senate Streaming Oversight Committee.” The two political parties having the greatest membership in the Senate would be equally represented on the committee. The purpose of the committee would be to ensure that the live audio and video stream is produced and operated in “an apolitical manner befitting the senate.”

The resolution proposes to amend Senate Rule 9-3 to specify that Senate members that serve on the Senate Streaming Oversight Committee shall not have the assignment counted as service on a standing committee.

The resolution also calls for a new Senate Rule 23-8-1 to be adopted to read:

“28-8-1 A live audio and video stream of the senate floor proceedings shall be accessible through the legislature’s web site in a manner befitting the senate, including an appropriate user interface, subject to the following:

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(a) the live stream shall begin as soon as practicable after the president has announced that a quorum is present and shall terminate as soon as practicable after a motion to recess or adjourn has carried, or upon the order of the presiding officer;

(b) the live video stream shall be from a single camera installed at the rear of the chamber, positioned and focused so as to capture an image of the chamber that as nearly as possible replicates the view of a member of the public seated in the gallery in such a way that no material on members' desks, computer monitors or similar devices can be read or viewed;

(c) the live stream shall not be archived;

(d) the provisions of this rule shall apply when the senate is meeting in the committee of the whole and when any standing committee of the Senate is meeting in the chamber, at the request of the chair; and

(e) the stream shall carry a notice to the effect that the stream is being produced for the benefit of the public and any political use is prohibited and that the stream is not an official record of the senate's proceedings."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Resolution 3 makes no appropriations.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Resolution 4 is related to Senate Resolution 3 as twice amended on the Senate Floor in that Senate Resolution 4 is contains similar proposed rule changes as were included in the original Senate Resolution 3 plus the two Senate Floor amendments.

Senate Resolution 3 is related to Senate Bill 401, which would enact in Chapter 2, Article 3 NMSA 1978, provisions similar to those contained in the resolution.

House Rules Committee Substitute for House Resolution 2 amended the House Rules to authorize audio streaming of House Floor proceedings and certain committee proceedings as a pilot project and allow audio or video streaming of House committee proceedings with the permission of the chair of the committee.

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