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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sanchez, B. **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/10/11 **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Interim Committee Per Diem Payments **SB** 211
ANALYST Fernandez

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 1, Feed Bill

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 211 would restrict per-diem payments for legislators attending interim committee meetings by requiring members to be present for 75 percent of the committee meeting on the day for which per-diem is requested.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Possible minimal savings may be realized by Legislative Council Service (LCS) if it is determined that a member was not present for 75 percent of the committee meeting.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In 2006, the Legislative Structure and Process Study Task Force developed a series of recommendations to help the legislature conduct its work and perform its duties in a more effective manner. While this specific proposal was not a recommendation by the task force, it could be considered an effectiveness measure.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Passage of this bill would require LCS to monitor and enforce the 75 percent attendance requirement at all interim meetings or alternatively, require members to certify they were present

75 percent each day for which per-diem is requested as part of the reimbursement process.

RELATIONSHIP

This bill relates to House Bill 1, Feed Bill which contains the appropriation for legislative interim committee meetings.

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