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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/18
SPONSOR Steinborn **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Floor Amendment & Subs on Legislative Website **SR** 1

ANALYST Amacher

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		*minimal fiscal impact	*minimal fiscal impact	*minimal fiscal impact	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Resolution 2

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Resolution

Senate Resolution 1 amends the Senate rules by adding a new rule 11-23-2 to make available each floor amendment and floor substitute on the legislative website at the time of introduction.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SR1 is a procedural change of the Senate. The rule proposed compliments actions taken by the House in the first session of the fifty-third legislature. The House dedicated two session staff, space and equipment for approximately \$16 thousand. Similar staffing requirements may be needed to support the implementation of SR 1.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Rule 11-23-2 under consideration reads:

“Each floor amendment and floor substitute shall be make available on the legislature’s website at the time of its introduction.”

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

A process to implement the changes proposed in SR1 (and similarly in SR 2) would need to be established and may require at least two additional employees. Any costs associated with implementation would be absorbed in the budget for the operation of the session beginning January 2019.

RELATIONSHIP

SR1 relates to Senate Resolution 2. SR2 proposes amending the existing rules so that that floor amendments, committee reports proposing amendments to a bill, memorial or resolution or upon introduction be posted on the legislative website as soon as possible with all amendments incorporated into its text. The document shall make clear which text is added or struck by amendment and by which body.

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