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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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

SHORT TITLE Continual Amendment Engrossing SR 2

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 1

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Resolution

Senate Resolution 2 amends the Senate rules by adding a new rule 11-22-5 to allow for continual engrossing of legislation beginning no later than the first session of the fifty-fourth legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SR2 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 2.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Rule 11-22-5 under consideration reads:

“No later than the first session of the fifty-fourth legislature, the chief clerk shall, upon adoption of floor amendments or a committee report recommending amendments to a bill, memorial or resolution or upon introduction of a house bill, memorial or resolution, create and cause to be posted on the legislative website as soon as practicable a document with all amendments incorporated into its text. The document shall make clear which text is original and which text is added or struck by amendment and by which body.”

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

To date, 200 senate bills, 1 senate concurrent resolution, 15 senate joint memorials, 12 senate joint resolutions, 2 senate resolutions and 44 senate memorials have been introduced. On the house side approximately 230 house bills, 16 house joint memorials, 6 house joint resolutions and 43 house memorials have been introduced. In the second session of the fifty-third legislature approximately 1,284 pieces of legislation were presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

A process to implement the changes proposed in SR2 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

SR2 relates to Senate Resolution 1. SR1 amends the existing rules that floor amendments and substitutions be made available to the public.

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