

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
02/09/2015

Amendment to: HB 1250

- 1 A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$90,023		\$61,023	
Appropriations			\$90,023		\$61,023	

- 1 B. **County, city, school district and township fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

- 2 A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

SB 1250 requires Governor appointed boards and commission to publish minutes from each meeting on the Governor’s website within 60 days.

- B. **Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

In order to publish minutes on the Governor’s website, the Boards and Commissions application will need to be modified to allow for the posting of minutes at an estimated cost of \$29,000. Records retention laws require that minutes be retained for 3 years. An estimated cost for storing the data from 144 boards and commissions is approximately \$7000.

Several variables are unknown concerning the duties necessary to comply with this bill. It cannot be determined from the language contained in the bill, if the Governor’s office will be responsible for contacting boards and commissions to obtain minutes when they are not provided. In addition, if links to websites are received in place of minutes, someone will need to insure those links are not broken. It takes a significant amount of time to monitor those links to insure the information presented continues to be useful, and when a link no longer works, those boards and commissions would need to be contacted to get a valid web address.

Depending on the additional requirements and unknown issues, the time required for a staff member tasked with compliance, to manage the website uploads of meeting minutes for 144 boards and commission could be significant. At a minimum, the Governor’s Office would need to add an additional part-time temporary employee. The cost for a part-time position is estimated at \$54,023 for salary and benefits.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

- A. **Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

- B. **Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

2015-17:

\$54,023 – Salaries Line: part-time temporary position

\$36,000 – Operating Line: 29,000 one-time web development for modification of the Boards and Commissions application; \$7,000 data storage costs.

2017-19:

\$54,023 – Salaries Line: part-time temporary position

\$7,000 – Operating Line: data storage costs.

- C. **Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

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