

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
02/11/2013

Amendment to: HB 1212

- 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.*

	2011-2013 Biennium		2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures	\$236,544		\$251,556		\$278,013	
Appropriations	\$236,544		\$251,556		\$278,013	

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

	2011-2013 Biennium	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 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).*

This bill changes lodging reimbursement rates for legislators during organizational, regular, and special sessions.

- 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.*

The bill removes the monthly limit on legislative lodging reimbursement during legislative sessions and provides that legislators may be reimbursed up to 80 percent of the daily rate established by the Office of Management and Budget for state employees. Under current law, legislators may receive a monthly maximum of up to 30 times 65 percent of the daily lodging reimbursement rate for state employees set by the Office of Management and Budget. The bill is retroactive to January 1, 2013.

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.*

The 2011-13 Legislative Assembly budget includes \$691,712 for lodging costs relating to the 2013 legislative session at a monthly rate of up to \$1,351 per legislator. The bill, as amended would allow for a daily reimbursement rate of up to \$55 per night plus tax or an estimated total of 1,813 per month which would increase estimated expenditures by \$236,544 for the 2011-13 biennium. For the 2013-15 biennium, estimating a \$77 per night plus taxes state employee lodging rate, the daily rate for legislators for the organizational session in December 2014 and the regular session in 2015 would be \$62 plus tax, or an estimated total of \$2,014 per month. This amount would be \$512 per month more than the estimated reimbursement rate based on current law of \$1,502 per month, which would increase 2013-15 biennium expenditures by an estimated \$251,556. For the 2015-17 biennium, anticipating an \$85 per night state employee lodging reimbursement rate plus tax, additional funding of \$278,013 would be needed compared to the formula in current law.

- 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 is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

If approved, this bill would result in the need for an additional \$236,544 from the general fund for the Legislative Assembly's 2011-13 biennium appropriation and an additional \$251,556 from the general fund for the Legislative Assembly's 2013-15 biennium appropriation. The 2015-17 biennium general fund appropriation for the Legislative Assembly would require an additional \$278,013 from the general fund.

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