

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
03/21/2013

Bill/Resolution No.: 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			\$224,768		\$130,560	
Appropriations			\$224,768		\$130,560	

- 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 regular legislative 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 increases the monthly limit on legislative lodging reimbursement during legislative sessions from 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 to up to 75 percent of the daily lodging reimbursement rate for state employees. 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 maximum monthly lodging reimbursement rate for legislators for the 2013 legislative session is \$1,351 per legislator. The bill would allow for a monthly reimbursement rate of up to \$1,559 per legislator which is \$208 more per month per legislator and would increase estimated expenditures by \$106,496 for the 2013 legislative session. Because the emergency clause on the bill failed, any legislator claims for additional lodging reimbursement would not be paid until after July 1, 2013. For the 2013-15 biennium, estimating a \$77 per night state employee lodging rate, the monthly rate for legislators for the legislative session in 2015 would be \$1,733 per month. This amount would be \$231 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 \$118,272. For the 2015-17 biennium, anticipating an \$85 per night state employee lodging reimbursement rate, additional funding of \$130,560 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 \$224,768 from the general fund for the Legislative Assembly's 2013-15 biennium appropriation to provide the estimated additional legislator reimbursement for the 2013 legislative session of \$106,496 and the additional \$118,272 needed for increased reimbursement during the 2015 legislative session. The 2015-17 biennium general fund appropriation for the Legislative Assembly would require an additional \$130,560 from the general fund.

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