

## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE **Fiscal Note**

**466** SLS 20RS Fiscal Note On: SB 865

Bill Text Version: REENGROSSED Opp. Chamb. Action: w/ HSE COMM AMD

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: All public bodies **Subject:** Teleconferencing

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**PUBLIC MEETINGS** 

RE1 SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Provides for teleconferencing of public bodies under certain circumstances. (gov sig)

Authorizes all public bodies to hold public meetings by audio or visual teleconference in the case of a catastrophe and/or declared state of emergency and where timely action on issues is necessary. Further authorizes participation in meetings by teleconference for legislative bodies during a declared state of emergency. Allows members to be counted for quorum purposes if participating via teleconference; and provides for the method of voting on legislation and/or resolutions through teleconference. Also proposes to authorize a two year pilot program for the state bond commission to hold periodic meetings via teleconference as a part of a regular schedule (without a declared state of emergency) and states all requirements for holding said teleconferencing meetings.

Effective upon Governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW					
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW					
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be an indeterminable impact to expenditures of certain state and local entities to the extent they hold public meetings via teleconference. State agencies are funded with various revenue sources. Proposed legislation would affect certain state government and agencies; local municipalities and/or other political subdivisions; school boards; port commissioners; boards of publicly operated utilities; planning, zoning, and airport commissions; and other boards and commissions. Entities may experience increased costs to acquire and update technology infrastructure to allow for teleconferencing. Potential increases are indeterminable at this time and will vary by entity based upon the existing infrastructure and resources of each entity. Alternatively, entities could experience a decrease in costs due to lower travel reimbursements or per diem to the extent they hold or participate in public meetings via teleconference. The LFO does not anticipate increased expenditures for the Treasury to implement such meetings for the State Bond Commission (SBC). The SBC has conducted several meetings by teleconference during the recent gubernatorially declared emergency for COVID-19.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<u>Senate</u>	Dual Referral Rules	<u>House</u>	Carana
13.5.1 >=	\$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	Evan Brasseaux
13.5.2 >=	\$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee	6.8(G) >= \$500,000  Tax or Fee Increase	Evan Brasseaux
_	Change {S & H}	or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	Staff Director