

*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note***NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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BILL TOPIC: ADJUST LEG BRANCH RESPONSIBILITIES IN SMART ACT**Summary of Legislation**

This bill amends provisions of the "SMART Act," concerning interim meetings and other interactions between members of the General Assembly and representatives of state executive branch departments. Specifically, the bill:

- repeals current requirements for departmental hearings with legislative committees of reference in the legislative interim, replacing current language with a general requirement that each legislative committee of reference with departmental oversight responsibilities hold at least one and not more than three SMART Act hearings between November 1 and the beginning of the next legislative session;
- requires members of each committee of reference to be appointed by December 1, and to include members-elect of the next General Assembly;
- allows members-elect to receive per diem and expense reimbursement to attend SMART Act hearings; and
- makes members of the Joint Budget Committee (JBC), as appointed by the chair of the JBC, the sole departmental liaisons for performance planning, eliminating a statutory requirement that, for each department, two members of the relevant legislative joint committee of reference also serve as liaisons.

Assessment

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. Most provisions of the bill are consistent with the current SMART Act process. For example, joint committees of reference currently meet between one and three times in the two-month period before legislative session. Legislative Council Staff currently processes reimbursement for members-elect who attend SMART Act hearings if they will be appointed to the relevant committee of reference.

While committees of reference are not necessarily determined by December 1 under current law, this change is not anticipated to change workload or costs in the Legislative Department. The elimination of liaisons from joint committees of reference is not expected to have a significant fiscal impact, as current law does not define any specific duties or result in any substantial workload for these liaisons.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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