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HB16-1462

FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Hullinghorst Sen. Guzman	Bill Status: House SVMA
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BILL TOPIC: LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AS GOVERNOR'S OFFICE APPOINTEE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue			
State Expenditures General Fund	up to (\$68,500)	up to (\$68,500)	up to (\$34,250)
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: None.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill allows the Lieutenant Governor to serve as a Governor's Office appointee through the end of the current term of office, January 10, 2019. Acceptance or retention of an appointment does not result in a forfeiture of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and is not to be deemed inconsistent with the duties of either role. If the Lieutenant Governor serves concurrently as a Governor's Office appointee, he or she is to be paid a salary commensurate with the salary paid for the position of a Governor's Office appointee.

Background

Under current law, the Lieutenant Governor is paid a salary of \$68,500, unless he or she is concurrently serving as the head of a principal department. Under those circumstances, salary may be increased to be commensurate with the salary paid for a position as the head of a principal department. As of this writing, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor is vacant. Donna Lynne has been nominated to replace former Lieutenant Governor Joseph A. Garcia pending approval by the General Assembly.

State Expenditures

This bill allows the Lieutenant Governor to serve as a Governor's Office appointee and to receive a salary commensurate with that position. As of this writing, the next Lieutenant Governor is anticipated to serve concurrently as the state's Chief Operating Officer, at a salary to be negotiated. As the Governor's Office has funding for an appointee position and depending on

salary decisions, this analysis assumes the bill will reduce state expenditures by up to \$68,500 per year. Because the current position is unfilled, this analysis assumes any savings will not occur until July 1, 2016. The impact in FY 2018-19 is prorated to reflect the end of the current term of Lieutenant Governor. Because the bill specifies that the position of Lieutenant Governor is not forfeited in the event of a concurrent appointment, this analysis assumes that no reductions in appropriations or FTE allocations are required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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