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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Rep. McGihon**Bill Status:** Senate SVMA**Fiscal Analyst:** Chris Ward (303-866-5834)

TITLE: CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT DISCUSSIONS OCCURRING IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF PUBLIC BODIES BE ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED.**Summary of Assessment**

The bill requires that executive sessions of public bodies be recorded electronically, except for certain sessions that relate to a privileged attorney-client communication. Under current law, executive sessions must be recorded in the same manner that open meetings are recorded, usually written minutes. The provisions apply to all state and local public bodies, including both elected and appointed boards.

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact because many state agencies and local governments already have electronic recording equipment. Some state agencies and local governments will be required to purchase recording equipment, however, the cost of this new equipment is not anticipated to be excessive and should not require any new state appropriations.

The bill would take effect August 9, 2006, assuming the General Assembly adjourns May 10, 2006, and no referendum petition is filed.

Departments Contacted

All State Departments

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