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HB 19-1087

FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Soper; Hansen
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Bill Topic: LOCAL PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES POSTED ON WEBSITE

- Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- State Expenditure (minimal)
- State Transfer
- TABOR Refund
- Local Government
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill requires all local government entities to post a notice of public meetings on their website 24 hours before holding the meeting. The bill minimally increases state workload and increases local expenditures and workload on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires all local government entities to post a notice of public meetings on the entity's website at least 24 hours before holding that meeting. To the extent possible, the notice should be searchable by the type of meeting, date of meeting, time of meeting, agenda content, and any other category deemed appropriate by the local government entity. The bill requires all local government entities to be in compliance by January 1, 2021.

Background

Under Colorado's Sunshine law, any meeting of two or more members of a public body, at which any public business is discussed or at which any formal action may be taken, must be open to the public. Under current law, full and timely notice of a public meeting may be posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the public body's jurisdiction. There is no current law requirement that these postings be made on internet websites. The Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) offers website hosting and other services to local governments in Colorado at no costs.

State Expenditures

Starting in FY 2019-20, workload to the Division of Local Government in the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) will increase to provide technical assistance to local governments that do not already have a website available. The fiscal note assumes that the increase in workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

Local Government

For each local government entity that does not have a website to post meetings, costs will increase to create one. If a local government entity chooses to enter an agreement with SIPA, costs to host a website may be decreased, but workload and staff training on the website will still be necessary.

Statutory Public Entity

To the extent local governments use SIPA to create and manage their websites, workload and costs to SIPA will increase. It is assumed any costs will be paid using existing revenue streams to SIPA.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 2, 2019, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 3, 2019, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Information Technology
Municipalities	Regional Transportation District
Local Affairs	Statewide Internet Portal Authority
School Districts	