

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22312

This Concurrent Resolution would create a new Joint Rule 21 addressing the issues of live streaming, recording, and archiving of the floor proceedings of each house and their committees. The rule states that each floor session of the House and Senate shall be live streamed and recorded unless an affirmative vote is taken by the individual body to suspend such streaming and/or recording. Likewise, the committees of the House and Senate shall also be live streamed and recorded, except that such streaming and/or recording may be suspended at the discretion of the committee chair, or by an affirmative vote of the committee. This new joint rule also states that these recordings cannot be used for commercial or political purposes without permission, statements made by individual speakers in the recordings do not reflect legislative intent, and the recordings do not substitute for the official record of the House and Senate Journals. The new rule also stipulates how archiving of these recordings is to be handled.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no immediate and direct fiscal impact associated with this legislation, although in the future there could be minimal costs associated with archiving these recordings.

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