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Final Fiscal Note

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Bill Topic: INTERIM COMMITTEE CELL PHONE CONNECTIVITY

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
State Revenue, State Transfer, Local Government, State Expenditure, TABOR Refund, Statutory Public Entity

The bill would have created the Legislative Interim Committee of Cell Phone Connectivity. It would have increased state expenditures for FY 2024-25 and 2025-26 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2024-25, the bill would have required an appropriation of \$54,899 to the Legislative Department.

Fiscal Note Status: The final fiscal note reflects the introduced bill, as amended by the House Business Affairs and Labor Committee. The bill was deemed lost in the House Appropriations Committee on May 9, 2024; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1265

Table with 4 columns: Category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

**Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates the Legislative Interim Committee on Cell Phone Connectivity. The committee consists of six legislators and six nonvoting members who represent the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation, and the cell phone industry. It may hold up to six meetings during each of the 2024 and 2025 legislative interims and request up to three bills per year.

**State Expenditures**

The bill increases General Fund expenditures in the Legislative Department by about \$63,000 per year in FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 only. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and described below.

**Table 2  
Expenditures Under HB 24-1265**

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
<b>Legislative Department</b>		
Personal Services	\$36,361	\$36,361
Operating Expenses	\$640	\$640
Expense Reimbursements	\$11,208	\$11,208
Legislator Per Diems	\$4,028	\$4,028
Travel Costs	\$2,652	\$2,652
Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup>	\$7,910	\$7,910
FTE – Legislative Council Staff	0.3 FTE	0.3 FTE
FTE – Legislative Legal Services	0.2 FTE	0.2 FTE
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$62,799</b>	<b>\$62,799</b>
<b>Total FTE</b>	<b>0.5 FTE</b>	<b>0.5 FTE</b>

<sup>1</sup> Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Legislative Department.** The bill increases expenditures to support the interim committee.

- **Staff.** The Legislative Department requires 0.5 FTE to support the committee, including policy and research staff support for meetings and committee research (0.3 FTE), and legal staff to draft legislation (0.2 FTE). Standard operating costs are included.
- **Expense reimbursements and legislator per diems.** The committee includes 12 members who meet six times per interim. Costs are based on a per diem of \$111.89 for each legislator and travel reimbursements for all committee members of an estimated \$124 for meetings at the Capitol, and \$219 for meetings not at the Capitol.
- **Travel costs.** Additional travel costs include vehicle rental and support staff expenses, assuming two field trips per interim, once of which is overnight.

**Other state agencies.** The bill increases workload in the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Transportation to serve on the committee. This workload is expected to be minimal and no change in appropriations is required.

**Centrally appropriated costs.** Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

## Other Budget Impacts

**General Fund reserve.** Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

## Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature, and applies to enforcement actions occurring on or after this date.

## State Appropriations

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$54,889 to the Legislative Department, and 0.5 FTE.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Governor's Office  
Transportation

Legislative Department

Public Safety

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The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).