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sSB-183

AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER THE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Freedom of Information Com.	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill allows public agencies to hold meetings remotely through a conference call, videoconference, or other technology. The bill specifies that public agency meetings held remotely in compliance with its requirements satisfy the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA's) requirement that these meetings be open to the public.

This bill is anticipated to increase the number of complaints that the Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC) receives. Depending on the number of complaints, FOIC may need an additional staff attorney to handle the increased workload.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.