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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 240

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 240 would abolish the Joint Committee on Information Technology (JCIT) and create the Committee on Technology Oversight (CTO).

The newly created Committee would be comprised of seven members, two from each chamber, with three non-legislator members who are leaders within the information technology industry.

The Committee would be charged to:

- Study computers, telecommunications, and other information technologies used by state agencies and institutions;
- Review proposed new acquisitions, including implementation plans, project budget estimates, and three-year strategic information technology plans of state agencies and institutions;
- Monitor newly implemented technologies of state agencies and institutions;
- Make recommendations to the Senate Ways and Means and House Appropriations Committees on implementation plans, budget estimates, and three-year plans of state agencies and institutions; and

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- Report annually to the Legislative Coordinating Council and make special reports to other legislative committees as deemed appropriate.

The bill would amend current law to replace references to the JCIT and reassign duties and responsibilities to the newly created CTO.

The CTO would largely retain the same authority that the JCIT held, with one notable exception: the CTO would not have the authority to introduce legislation.

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means amended the bill to add the Legislative Coordinating Council to the list of those to whom the Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer would report, and to whom it would provide recommendations regarding the review of agencies' three-year plans, along with any revisions or deviations within these plans.

Background

SB 240 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

At the hearing on the bill, there were no proponents, opponents, or neutral conferees testified.

The fiscal note on the bill states that, according to Legislative Administrative Services (LAS), the current average cost per member of a two-day meeting for the Joint Committee on Information Technology is \$566, including \$125 for mileage, \$441 per diem, and subsistence expenditures. The Committee on Technology Oversight would be comprised of seven members and would meet on call of the chair. The cost would depend upon the number of meetings the Committee would hold.