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Subject: Requires Live Audio/Video of Management Board Meetings	

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Requires the boards of supervisors for the Louisiana State University, Southern University, University of Louisiana and Louisiana Community and Technical College systems to broadcast the live audio and video of all board and committee. Proposed law requires that all meetings conducted in Baton Rouge by the boards of supervisors for the Louisiana State University (LSU) system, the Southern University (SU) system, the University of Louisiana (UL) system, and the Louisiana Community and Technical College (LCTCS) system or any of their committees be broadcast live over the Internet. Proposed law requires that all broadcasts be recorded, archived, and made accessible to the public for at least one year after the meeting date. Proposed law does not apply to executive sessions held in accordance with the La. Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:11 et seq.). Proposed law provides that if any of the boards are precluded from fulfilling the requirements of proposed law due to a technical problem beyond its control, or when the only meeting room available lacks the equipment necessary to facilitate Internet broadcast, the failure to broadcast or record the proceedings of a meeting of the board or any of its committees shall not be construed to be a violation of proposed law. Effective January 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

State general fund expenditures will increase by unknown amounts for the LSU and Louisiana Community and Technical College (LCTCS) Systems to meet the bill's requirements. The LSU System estimates costs of \$142,372 in FY 14 for the following: full time IT staff person (\$69,000), student workers (\$8,000), audio equipment (\$10,000), video equipment (\$10,000), stream appliance (\$25,000), storage (\$10,000), network drops (\$2,872), storage maintenance (\$1,500), and equipment maintenance (\$6,000). The LSU System estimates the following costs in FY 15 and thereafter to meet the bill's requirements: full time IT staff person (\$69,000), student workers (\$8,000), network drops (\$1,872), storage maintenance (\$1,500), and equipment maintenance (\$6,000). It unclear why the LSU System needs a permanent staff person and student workers to meet the bill's requirements. The LCTCS is unable to estimate the costs without written estimates from vendors. The Southern System and the University of Louisiana System already meet the bill's requirements.

According to the Office of Telecommunications Management (OTM), the costs to record, broadcast, and store public meetings vary greatly based on the facilities, size of the body meeting, length of the agenda, and size of the broadcast audience. The following are ranges provided by OTM for the costs to record, broadcast, and store public meetings:

- Initial equipment costs: \$10,000 to \$220,000
- Maintenance costs per year between \$2,000 to \$45,000
- Service costs (network and storage) per month \$1,000 to \$15,000

OTM reports that costs for the LSU and LCTCS systems are likely to be on the higher side of the ranges above because these boards meet frequently, have long meetings, and are likely to have large broadcast audiences requiring internet connections with higher bandwidths. Estimates for LSU and LCTCS may increase due to the following factors: inclusion of automated cameras with advanced graphics insertions, composite stream from multiple cameras, internet and television broadcast capability, and multi-media integration. Archiving videos in multiple formats for download, streaming, or rebroadcast may also increase costs to LSU and LCTCS.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	

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