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To: General Government Subcommittee

From: Paul Siebert, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 9, 2021

Subject: HB 2992 – Relating to payments to members of certain public entities.
Work Session Recommendations

HB 2992 increases the amount of compensation paid to members of state boards and commissions for time spent in performance of official duties, unless otherwise limited or prohibited, to equal the per diem paid to members of the Legislative Assembly, currently \$151. The bill also requires state boards and commissions to pay compensation and reimbursement of actual and necessary travel or other expenses to a qualified member who is not in full-time public service and has an adjusted gross income for the previous tax year of less than \$50,000, or less than \$100,000 reported on a joint income tax return. The bill allows a board or commission member to decline compensation or reimbursement if they so choose.

For most agencies with boards and commissions, the fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate but anticipated to be absorbable within existing budgetary resources, depending on the number of members who meet the income thresholds specified by the measure, the number of meetings they attend, and whether they opt to decline compensation. Small boards and commissions may not be able to absorb all the increased costs and may require a budget adjustment as they gain experience with the new compensation rates.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Rules Committee on 2/25/2021, 3/23/2021 and 4/6/2021 and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2992 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____