

HCR 28 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Conduct

Action Date: 04/02/21

Action: Without recommendation as to adoption and be referred to Conduct.

Vote: 4-0-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Fahey, Moore-Green, Noble, Sanchez

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends Legislative Branch Personnel Rule 27 to prohibit Senate and House Committees on Conduct from meeting using virtual or electronic means and requires meetings to be conducted on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Appropriate committee for consideration of Rule 27 changes

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Legislative Assembly adopted House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 20 to make numerous changes to Legislative Branch Personnel Rule 27 (Safe, Respectful and Inclusive Workplace). Following discussions of a work group comprised of the four co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Conduct, partisan staff, and nonpartisan staff, the Legislative Assembly adopted HCR 221 during the 2020 Second Special Session, which revised Rule 27 to address prohibited conduct, conduct reports, conduct complaints, investigations, remedies, and process. HCR 221 also made these amendments to Rule 27 apply to conduct reports and conduct complaints, and the investigations of those reports and complaints, made on or after August 10, 2020.

House Concurrent Resolution 28 amends Legislative Branch Personnel Rule 27 to prohibit the Senate and House Committees on Conduct from meeting virtually and requires meetings to be conducted on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.