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Memorandum

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To: Members of the Legislative Coordinating Commission

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RE: LCC Public Lodging Limits

Background. The LCC in-state lodging limit for public members and LCC staff is currently \$150, including taxes and fees. The lodging limit was approved by resolution in 2017.

The House has since that time raised its in-state non-conference lodging limit from \$120 to \$175 and the Senate from \$100 to \$150. The House has also modified its in-state conference rate to be \$200 and the Senate has its in-state conference rate to be the “conference rate.”

The LCC currently provides fiscal services for 44 joint legislative offices, commissions, councils, and task forces, of which 14 commissions are composed of a mix of legislators and citizens, or all public members. The total of all public lodging cost for all commissions/task forces was approximately \$26,000 in fiscal Year 2024. Increasing the maximum rate of the lodging by \$25/night, would cost an additional \$4,500 for a projected total annual lodging cost of \$30,500 for all commissions/task forces.

Recommendation. We recommend increasing the in-state lodging rate to \$175 and modifying the in-state conference rate to be the actual conference rate.

The projected additional cost to the LCC would be approximately \$4,500 for all commissions/task forces (approximately \$3,000 from General Funds, \$1,500 from non-General Funds).

This increase would be helpful to citizens who dedicate their time to assist the work of the legislature.

Legislative members’ lodging limit would continue to be based on the limits set by the House and Senate Rules committees.