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Overview

Changes the membership of the Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy (LCPFP) to provide partisan balance. Requires LCPFP to prepare fiscal notes, to prepare a forecast of state revenues and expenditures, and to review revenue estimates and local government impact notes. Appropriates money for LCPFP purposes. Reduces appropriations to MMB for fiscal notes functions that the bill assigns to LCPFP.

1 Membership. Provides that LCPFP will have 12 members:

- 3 appointed by Senate subcommittee on committees;
- 3 appointed by Senate minority leader;
- 3 appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3 appointed by the House minority leader.

(Under current law, the LCPFP has 18 members, 9 from each chamber, with no requirement for minority caucus appointments.)

Requires executive agencies, upon LCPFP request, to provide information and analysis to assist the LCPFP in its duties.

Adds to the duties of the LCPFP:

- Prepare fiscal notes on pending legislation;
- Review revenue estimates and local government impact notes on pending legislation;
- Prepare a forecast of state revenues and expenditures.

Requires the LCPFP to hire an executive director, and authorizes the executive director to employ other staff. Authorizes transfer of legislative employees to the LCPFP. Authorizes contracts necessary to perform LCPFP duties. Authorizes LCPFP to appoint a council of unpaid outside experts to assist the commission, or to seek assistance from an executive branch group.

- 2** **Fiscal notes.** Provides that LCPFP, instead of state departments or agencies, must prepare fiscal notes on pending legislation. Requires state departments or agencies to supply draft fiscal notes or information for fiscal notes upon request of the executive director of the LCPFP. Requires LCPFP, rather than MMB, to prescribe procedures dealing with fiscal notes.
- 3** **Appropriation.** Appropriates money to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the LCPFP and for fiscal note information systems. Reduces appropriations to MMB.
- 4** **Effective date.** Effective July 1, 2011, except the new LCPFP duty to prepare fiscal notes is effective February 1, 2012, and the duty to prepare forecasts of state revenues and expenditures is effective July 1, 2012.