

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 60th Legislature

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Research Analysis

Pending

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Fiscal Analysis

This measure relates to court reporter duties and salaries, expands allowable means of court reporting, authorizes certain remote availability, and updates various administrative procedures related to court reporters and court transcripts. Officials with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) have stated that they do not anticipate a need for additional funding. Therefore, in its current form, HB3970 is not anticipated to have a material impact on state budget or appropriations.

The CS removes the emergency from the Introduced version and replaces the emergency with an effective date of November 1, 2026. This does not change the fiscal impact of the measure as described above.

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Other Considerations

None.