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## LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM

This memorandum describes the subscription fees and the costs for printing legislative documents during the 2021 legislative session. **Except for the journal index, all of these documents are available on the legislative branch website in advance of printing.**

The memorandum also lists proposed fees for the 2023 legislative session. Past practice has been to base subscription fees on the cost of printing the various documents during the previous legislative session, divided by the number of documents printed. The number of subscribers that paid for the particular documents in 2021, total number of subscribers, 2021 subscription fees, and number and cost of legislative documents printed in 2021 are:

- Bills and resolutions - 4 entities paid \$460 to pick up a set of bills and resolutions which included engrossed bills and resolutions. The cost of printing 35 copies of introduced and engrossed bills and resolutions was \$14,902, or approximately \$426 per set.
- Journals - 1 entity paid \$380 to pick up a set of journals. The cost of printing 45 copies of the journals was \$2,834 or approximately \$63 per set.
- Journal index - No one paid \$90 to receive the journal index. The cost of printing and binding 5 copies of the journal index was approximately \$925, or approximately \$185 per index.
- *Bill Status Report* - No one paid \$560 to pick up the *Bill Status Report*. The cost of printing 5 *Bill Status Reports* was \$3,478, or approximately \$696 each.
- Daily calendars and committee hearing schedules - No charge was made for picking up daily calendars and committee hearing schedules (printed at a cost of \$23,615). No one subscribed to pick up daily calendars or hearing schedules. The attached [appendix](#) provides summary information on 2013, 2019, and 2021 documents, subscriptions, and costs.

## PROPOSED 2023 LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT SUBSCRIPTION FEES

The following is the proposed 2023 legislative document distribution program and the applicable subscription fees:

- A complete set of introduced, engrossed, or re-engrossed bills and resolutions be available from the Bill and Journal Room only after payment of a subscription fee of \$500 (an increase from \$460 in 2021).
- A complete set of daily journals of the Senate and House be available from the Bill and Journal Room only after payment of a subscription fee of \$500 (an increase from \$380 in 2021).
- The index to the House and Senate journals not be printed due to being available online and lack of subscriber interest.
- The *Bill Status Report* not be printed due to lack of subscriber interest and bill status being available online.
- House and Senate daily calendars and weekly committee hearing schedules be available at no charge if picked up from the bill and journal room.
- No more than five copies of a limited number of bills and resolutions be obtained without charge as provided by Joint Rule 603.

**State agencies and institutions will be encouraged to access the information on the legislative branch website.**

The current printing services provider, Central Duplicating Services Division, Office of Management and Budget, advised the Legislative Council the cost of paper is rising significantly each quarter. Depending on the total cost increase, the committee may need to revisit these fees before the legislative session.

Central Duplicating Services can adjust the number of printed copies as needed.

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