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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 639

Chairperson: Bill Avery
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 19, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 639 amends Section 84-1411 of the Open Meetings Act to allow governing bodies and advisory committees of intergovernmental risk management pools to hold additional meetings by telephone conference calls. Under LB 639, a governing body of a risk management pool that meets at least quarterly and the advisory committees of the governing body may each hold more than half of their meetings by telephone conference call if the governing body's quarterly meetings are not held by telephone conference call or videoconference.

Section 84-1411 currently authorizes a risk management pool to hold up to one-half of its meetings by telephone conference call. Under the law, notice of the telephone meeting must be given, the public must be allowed to listen to the meeting, and the meeting cannot last more than one hour. LB 639 changes only the number of telephone meetings allowed. The notice and other requirements are not changed.

The Intergovernmental Risk Management Act authorizes local governments to join together to create risk management pools to provide members risk management services and insurance coverages.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Russ Karpisek