

and give a date that the information would be available. HB 581 would require posting of body-worn camera footage previously covered by one of the exceptions to Open Records, except that the bill would permit *redaction* of the minor, body of a deceased person, identity of witnesses and confidential informants, location of a domestic violence program, and certain other items.

The fiscal impact of HB 581 on local governments is indeterminate due to unknown factors, but could be moderate to significant. The initial cost depends on whether the local government agency has a Web site with sufficient capability for the posting of video and audio recordings. Additional costs relate to the required online storage of the recordings and the administrative costs of redacting information from them.

According to a study by the city of Spokane, Washington, redaction costs \$0.39 to \$0.62 per minute, depending on salaries for public records specialists. These costs do not include costs relating to redaction technology costs. On average, specialists needed 11 minutes to redact a single individual or object from a video with an audio component, or about \$4.29 per individual or object. On average, specialists needed 10 minutes to redact a single individual or object from a video without an audio component, or about \$3.39 per individual or object. On average, specialists needed 1 minute for audio redaction alone, or about \$0.39. Depending on the quantity of video and audio recordings to be posted on a website, the cost could be minimal to moderate.

Various companies offer redacting software that can range from about \$200 to over \$300 monthly for different redaction capabilities.

While the use of body-worn cameras is generally supported by the Kentucky Sheriffs Association, Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police, and the Fraternal Order of Police, the hesitancy to implement them on a broader basis relates to cost, especially as related to storage and maintenance of the recordings, which are the most expensive components of a functioning body-worn camera program. Posting footage online will increase the storage and administrative costs.

Many local governments have website functionality, but not all of them would permit posting of videos and audio recordings. Those governments would either need to upgrade existing platforms or switch to a more encompassing website. Website design costs may range from \$3,000 to \$100,000, while monthly storage and maintenance fees may range from \$200 to over \$3,000.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II, above, relates to the bill as introduced.

Data Source(s): [LRC Staff; City of Spokane, Body Camera Video Redaction Cost Study, December 2019; https://www.computerworld.com/article/2979627/as-police-move-to-adopt-body-cams-storage-costs-set-to-skyrocket.html;](https://www.computerworld.com/article/2979627/as-police-move-to-adopt-body-cams-storage-costs-set-to-skyrocket.html)
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