

Section 2 would make voidable any formal action taken by a public agency that does not substantially comply with KRS 61.840, which requires an agency to maintain adequate meeting space and acoustics.

HB 509 HCS 1 is expected to have a minimal impact to local government agencies. In the event a third-party provider is needed, additional fees may be expended. The Kentucky League of Cities stated that cities use free email services, but may elect to pay for an email provider.

Additional **indeterminable costs** may be incurred if an agency is not in compliance with KRS 61.840. Modifications to meeting spaces may be necessary and additional meetings at alternative locations may be conducted if a meeting with formal action is voided, duplicating fees associated with conducting formal action meetings.

The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) was contacted for input. As of the date of this mandate statement, a reply has not been received. If a reply is received, the statement may be updated accordingly.

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