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TO: Legislative Finance Committee

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RE: 2017 Legislative Session Web Statistics

The Legislative Fiscal Division uses a statistics tool to gather information about how the legislative branch website is used. Analyzed data collected between January 2 – April 29, 2017 showed the following:

The busiest days for web traffic occurred on February 23, the final day to introduce general bills; March 23-29, when action on HB 2 in Senate Finance and Claims transpired; and April 5, when Senate Finance and Claims heard all the HB 2 companion bills and the House was busy with full agendas, including second reading of [SB 294](#), the employee pay plan.

Aside from the session calendar and [SB 70](#) voting records, the top downloaded items were subcommittee schedules, with the Section B subcommittee schedule downloaded the most at 17,422 times.

The bill that generated the most downloads was [HB 474](#), allowing consumptive hour for consumers at microdistilleries, at 12,762 times. In comparison, HB 2 was downloaded 9,185 times and HB 1, the feed bill 5,993 times.

The fiscal division's web home page received over 16,000 unique views¹, with viewers then accessing the 2017 session page for links to revenue updates, general fund status sheets, and HB 2 amendments.

¹ The number of visits in which a page was viewed. The viewer may have returned to the page again on the same visit, but it is only counted once. Visitors are defined by unique ID. Visitors can have multiple visits, but the ID is deleted and a new ID is created during the next visit.