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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 30, 2020

TO: Representative Michael Smith
Additional Sponsors and Co-Sponsors of H.C.R. 69

FROM: Mr. John McNeal, Director *JMcN/acc*
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: H.C.R. 69 (Creating a Plan to Stream Live Audio and Video of All General Assembly Proceedings)

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed H.C.R. 69, which creates the General Assembly Streaming Working Group that requests the Division of Research, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Delaware Department of Technology & Information cooperate in creating a detailed and implementable plan to stream audio and video of all floor proceedings of the House of Representatives and Senate, and the public committee action of both legislative chambers; record all such material; and make these recordings available to the public via a web-based archive. The resolution further requests that the 151st General Assembly and the Governor vote on the finished plan and authorize the funding needed to implement it.

SCPD recommends that the Working Group include the SCPD Chairperson and the State Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator which would provide the group with disability representation and expertise regarding the ADA. This will assist in ensuring that the final plan is ADA compliant for individuals with disabilities who want to access this information (e.g. providing closed captioning so the web-based archive is accessible to people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing).

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our recommendations on the proposed resolution.

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