

#### HB 25-1057: AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee.

### **Summary Information**

Overview. This bill creates the American Indian Affairs Interim Committee as a permanent interim committee through the 2029 legislative interim.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas through FY 2029-30:

State Expenditures

**Appropriations.** For FY 2025-26, the bill requires an appropriation of \$43,507 to the Legislative Department.

### Table 1 **State Fiscal Impacts**

	<b>Budget Year</b>	Out Year
Type of Impact <sup>1</sup>	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$51,314	\$51,314
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.4 FTE	0.4 FTE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the table below.

Table 1A
State Expenditures

	<b>Budget Year</b>	Out Year
Fund Source	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
General Fund	\$43,507	\$43,507
Cash Funds	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0
Centrally Appropriated	\$7,807	\$7,807
Total Expenditures	\$51,314	\$51,314
Total FTE	0.4 FTE	0.4 FTE

# **Summary of Legislation**

During the 2024 legislative interim, the American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee met as a temporary interim committee approved by the Legislative Council Committee. This bill creates the Legislative Interim Committee on American Indian Affairs as an ongoing interim committee for the 2025 through 2029 legislative interims. The committee consists of six legislators, including three members from each chamber. It may hold up to six meetings during each legislative interim and request up to five bills per year. The committee must prepare a final report on their actions over the previous five years by January 15, 2030.

## **State Expenditures**

The bill increases General Fund expenditures in the Legislative Department by about \$51,000 per year through FY 2029-30. These costs are outlined in Table 2 and described below.

Table 2
State Expenditures
Legislative Department

	<b>Budget Year</b>	Out Year
Cost Component	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
Personal Services	\$30,521	\$30,521
Legislator Reimbursement and Per Diem	\$9,634	\$9,634
Travel Costs	\$3,352	\$3,352
Centrally Appropriated Costs	\$7,807	\$7,807
Total Costs	\$51,314	\$51,314
Total FTE	0.4 FTE	0.4 FTE

#### **Staff**

The Legislative Department requires 0.4 FTE to support the new committee, including policy and research staff support for meetings and committee research (0.3 FTE), and legal staff to draft legislation (0.1 FTE).

### **Legislator Reimbursement and Per Diem**

The committee includes six members who meet six times per interim. Legislator reimbursements are estimated to cost \$9,634 per year. Costs are based on a per diem of \$111.95 for each legislator and travel reimbursements of \$124 per member per meeting at the Capitol and \$219 for meetings not at the Capitol.

#### **Travel Costs**

Additional travel costs include vehicle rental and support staff expenses. This cost estimate assumed two field trips per interim, both of which include overnight stays.

## **Centrally Appropriated Costs**

Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which may include employee insurance, supplemental employee retirement payments, leased space, and indirect cost assessments, are shown in the expenditure table(s) above.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State Appropriations**

For FY 2025-26, the bill requires the following General Fund appropriations to the Legislative Department:

- \$28,031 to Legislative Council Staff and 0.3 FTE;
- \$8,470 to the Office of Legislative Legal Services and 0.1 FTE; and
- \$7,006 to the General Assembly for legislator per diem and reimbursement.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Legislative Department