



Fiscal Note

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BILL 1: AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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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 \$43,500 to the Legislative Department.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

| Type of Impact ¹ | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| State Revenue | \$0 | \$0 |
| State Expenditures (General Fund) | \$49,961 | \$49,961 |
| Transferred Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in TABOR Refunds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Change in State FTE | 0.4 FTE | 0.4 FTE |

¹ Fund sources for these impacts are shown in the table below.

**Table 1A
State Expenditures**

| Fund Source | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$43,500 | \$43,500 |
| Cash Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 |
| Centrally Appropriated | \$6,461 | \$6,461 |
| Total Expenditures | \$49,961 | \$49,961 |
| 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 \$50,000 per year through FY 2029-30. These costs are outlined in Table 2 and described below.

**Table 2
State Expenditures
Legislative Department**

| Cost Component | Budget Year FY 2025-26 | Out Year FY 2026-27 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Personal Services | \$30,516 | \$30,516 |
| Legislator Reimbursement and Per Diem | \$9,632 | \$9,632 |
| Travel Costs | \$3,532 | \$3,532 |
| Centrally Appropriated Costs | \$6,461 | \$6,461 |
| Total Costs | \$49,961 | \$49,961 |
| 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 \$9,632 per year. Costs are based on a per diem of \$111.89 for each legislator and travel reimbursements \$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 appropriation to the Legislative Department:

- \$11,232 to the General Assembly for legislator per diem and reimbursement;
- \$22,923 to Legislative Council Staff and 0.3 FTE; and
- \$9,345 to the Office of Legislative Legal Services and 0.1 FTE.

State and Local Government Contacts

Legislative Department

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the General Assembly website.