

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2285

1A. State fiscal effect: *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$3,075,456		\$3,075,456	
Appropriations						

1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect: *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary: *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill would require the Department of Commerce to operate satellite offices on each of the Indian reservations. Each satellite office is required to have a staff member from each of the Department's four divisions.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

This bill creates a requirement that the Department of Commerce establish satellite offices on each of the Indian Reservations. These satellite offices are required to include a staff member from each of the Department's four divisions. The cost includes the salary and benefits of each of the required staff members, as well as the operating costs.

3. State fiscal effect detail: *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

This bill would require satellite offices staffed with four people on each of the Indian reservations. We estimate that each employee would cost \$8,009 per month including salary & benefits and operating costs such as rent, travel, phones, equipment, and supplies. This equates to \$32,036 in monthly expenses per office for a total of \$768,864 per office for the biennium. Assuming this bill only applies to the four primary Indian reservations in the state, the total biennial cost would be \$3,075,456. If this bill were to include the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation, which includes a small portion in North Dakota, the total biennial cost would be \$3,844,320.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

There is not an appropriations contained in this bill, or elsewhere, to cover the expenses of operating the satellite offices required by this bill.

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