

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/16/2015

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2244

- 1 A. **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.*

	2013-2015 Biennium		2015-2017 Biennium		2017-2019 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$31,066			
Appropriations			\$31,066			

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

	2013-2015 Biennium	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Counties			
Cities			
School Districts			
Townships			

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

Creates a tribal veterans' advisory commission to advise state agencies and programs on issues related to tribal veterans. The 5 member commission will receive compensation, mileage and expense reimbursement. Veterans Affairs shall provide administrative and staff services to the commission.

- 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.*

Section 1:

#4: the commission shall meet at least twice a year and any additional meetings as the chairman deems necessary. We assume the commission will meet more often its first biennium to establish its mission statement, guidelines, and policies.

#6: each member is entitled to be compensated at \$100 per day and mileage and expense reimbursements. Besides compensation and mileage, we assume there will be reimbursement for meals and lodging also. The commission will be composed from the following tribes: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, Three Affiliated Tribes of the Ft Berthold Reservation, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians and Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Travers Reservation. These costs are to be paid by Veterans Affairs.

#7. Veterans Affairs shall provide administrative and staffing services to the commission. We assume staff members, at least two, will be at the meetings and provide other office support, and the department will provide miscellaneous meeting supplies. Staff members expenses will include meals and lodging. State Fleet vehicle will be used for travelling.

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.*

N/A

- 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.*

Veterans Affairs Agency

Salaries: \$8,000 (commission members' compensation)

Operating Expenses: \$23,066

General Fund: \$31,066

- 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 or a part of the appropriation is included in the executive budget or relates to a continuing appropriation.*

Veterans Affairs: \$31,066

General Fund: \$31,066

SB 2244 provides that Veterans Affairs shall pay for this commission expenses but the agency doesn't have the funding available to take care of these costs. The Legislature will need to add additional funding to the Veterans Affairs budget to cover these expenses.

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