

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
01/16/2015

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2241

- 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			\$3,705,216		\$3,705,216	
Appropriations						

- 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).*

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 \$9,649 per month including salary and benefits and operating costs such as rent, travel, phones, equipment, and supplies. This equates to \$38,596 in monthly expenses per office for a total of \$926,304 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 \$3,705,216. 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 \$4,631,520.

- 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.*

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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