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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/24/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** S468cs-341 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Sen. Pinto **Agency Name**  
Sen. Charley **and Code** DFA-341  
**Short** TRIBAL LIAISON **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	(\$33,000.0)	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$387.82	\$387.82	\$775.6	R	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **Senate Indian, Rural and Cultural Affairs Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 468 (SB 468)**

- The committee substitute for SB 468 clarified the language to specify the appropriation is “for tribal liaison programs in county clerk offices” as well as outlined the type of programs that are offered:
  - Voter Education and Awareness
  - Translation Services
  - Voter Registration Drives

### **ORIGINAL BILL SUMMARY**

#### Synopsis:

**Purpose:** To make an appropriation to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration

**Program Funded:** Tribal liaison program in each county

**Funding Amount:** Thirty-three million dollars (\$33,000,000)

**Fiscal Year:** 2026

#### **Program Goals:**

- Ensure Native American population has equal access to all phases of the electoral process
- Provide voter education and awareness
- Offer translation services
- Conduct voter registration drives
- All activities to be conducted on a nonpartisan basis

**Reversion Clause:** Any unexpended or unencumbered balance at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the general fund

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Based on information provided in SB468, it is anticipated that SB468 will result in administrative costs that are likely to include:

**Fund Management:** Costs associated with the Department of Finance and Administration managing the transfer, including staff salaries, office expenses, and financial management systems.

**Program Evaluation and Monitoring:** Expenses related to researching and evaluating program proposals, implementing a new program and ensuring compliance with the requirements, including staff time and resources for site visits and data analysis.

**Community Engagement:** Costs for organizing and conducting community meetings, coordination and training with other state agencies who have expertise with tribal populations and the electoral process, implement translation services, and developing educational community outreach to monitor the appropriation referenced in the bill.

**Reporting:** Costs associated with preparing and submitting reports related to the effectiveness of this funding to its purpose, including staff time and administrative support.

LGD anticipates 6,240 additional hours at a cost of \$387,822 (3 FTE at a PB75- see below) to support the increased workload and the technical and educational expertise required for this new program.

<b>PB75 FTE Cost Detail</b>	
Salary	92,560
Benefits	32,084
ISD Rate	864
HCM Assessment Fee	350
Telecom rate	616
On-Boarding Equipment*	2,800
Total Cost per FTE	129,274
FTE's needed	3
Total FTE Cost	387,822

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

### **Senate Indian, Rural and Cultural Affairs Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 468 (SB 468)**

- SB468 is specific in the purpose of funding for tribal liaison programs in participating county clerk offices to include only voter education and awareness, translation services and voter registration drives. Therefore, should other types of programs be needed within the Native American population and these liaison programs to include assistance with capital outlay, etc., a different funding source would be needed to cover anything other than those programs specified in SB468.
- Also, since SB468 does not outline specific requirements related to the distribution of funds, it is unclear how \$33 million would be distributed fairly and equitably to county clerk offices, which could lead to inconsistencies in implementation across counties.

## **ORIGINAL**

DFA is not the appropriate agency to administer this program, it should be administered by the Indian Affairs Department. LGD has limited expertise with the Native American population and has no expertise with the electoral process or with providing translation services. A program of this magnitude would require more than a fiscal year to hire staff, conduct the extensive research needed, survey the population, develop the program criteria, implement the translation services, and conduct the necessary outreach to the Native American communities.

This one-year appropriation is not enough time for LGD to stand up a tribal liaison electoral process/translation program and ensure success.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Overall, SB 468's administrative implications involve significant responsibilities for the LGD in terms of review, execution, administration and monitoring of the new tribal electoral process program as well as outreach, financial oversight, and reporting.

These tasks will require adequate staffing, resources and coordination to ensure the effective implementation and management of these funds.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

## **ALTERNATIVES**

An alternative to appropriating these funds to the LGD would be appropriating to the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) which currently administers a Tribal Liaison program or possibly the Secretary of State's office who has the knowledge needed of the electoral process to provide to the Native American population.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

## **AMENDMENTS**