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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 1/19/2016

**SPONSOR** Rodriguez **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Office of Peacebuilding Act **SB** 60

**ANALYST** Mulligan

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

SB 60 would create the Office of Peacebuilding and an 12-member Citizens Peacebuilding Advisory Council as independent entities. The Office of Peacebuilding would award grants for studies programs, education at all levels, communication and conflict resolution, and local nongovernmental peacebuilding initiatives. The director of the office would report to the governor and would be required to promote and advance conflict prevention, management, and resolution and public education on peace and nonviolence; study and promote social, environmental, and sustainable economic conditions; develop peace education curricula for classrooms and restorative justice programs; help integrate peace education into training for teachers; analyze and expand peacebuilding policies and alternative dispute resolution; and gather and disseminate information on effective community peacebuilding activities.

The advisory council is charged with assisting and making recommendations to the director and the governor regarding peacebuilding policies and practices, assessing peace-related activities and reporting to the director and the governor on their effects, and soliciting public input on these matters.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The bill includes an appropriation from the general fund of \$500.0.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The bill would create two new state government entities, the office and the commission.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill authorizes, but does not require, the director of the office to hire assistants and a general counsel and to enter into contracts and make grants. With an estimated three FTE (director, assistant, and general counsel) at estimated state salary levels, approximately \$250.0 would go toward salaries and benefits, leaving approximately \$250.0 for contracts and grants to carry out activities supporting the mission of the office.

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