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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair  
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### AB 1574 (Rogers) - The Tribal Foster Care Prevention Program

**Version:** January 12, 2026

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** June 29, 2026

**Policy Vote:** HUMAN S. 5 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Agnes Lee

**Bill Summary:** AB 1574 would establish the Tribal Foster Care Prevention Program.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

- Unknown ongoing General Fund costs, potentially low millions, to provide funding to Indian tribes for prevention services.
- The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) estimates General Fund costs of \$1,902,000 in 2026-27, \$1,856,000 in 2027-28, and \$1,494,000 annually thereafter for state administration.

**Background:** The federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) establishes minimum federal standards for state courts to meet any time an Indian child is removed from their family or custodial home and placed in foster care or adoptive homes. Current state law requires CDSS, upon an Indian tribe's request, to enter into an agreement with any Indian tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consortium located in California or with lands that extend into this state regarding the care and custody of Indian children and jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings. An Indian tribe, tribal organization, or tribal consortium that is a party to an agreement is, in accordance with the agreement, eligible to receive allocations of child welfare services funds. Current state law also authorizes an Indian tribe, consortium of tribes, or tribal organization (that has entered into an agreement with CDSS) to receive federal funding under the federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 for prevention services that are provided for children who are at imminent risk of entering foster care.

**Proposed Law:** Specific provisions of the bill would:

- Establish the Tribal Foster Care Prevention Program to provide the funding to assist any federally recognized Indian tribe located in California, or with lands that extend into California, in funding the costs associated with services, to be determined by the Indian tribe, aimed at preserving families and preventing the entry of children into foster care; and prohibit a tribal share of cost.
- Require, subject to an appropriation in the annual Budget Act, the CDSS to provide each eligible Indian tribe, as described, an annual allocation.
- Require CDSS to provide an update to legislative staff and stakeholders on the progress of implementation by February 1, 2028.

- Condition implementation only to the extent that funding is expressly provided in the annual Budget Act for this purpose.

**Related Legislation:** AB 1378 (Rogers, 2025) would have imposed requirements regarding child welfare services prevention funding for Indian tribes. The bill was vetoed by the Governor.

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