
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2507 (Nguyen) - Office of Tribal Affairs

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Urgency: No

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Mandate: No

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Bill Summary: AB 2507 renames the Office of the Governor's Tribal Advisor to the Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA) and expands its responsibilities for facilitating state agencies' engagement with tribal governments. AB 2507 also requires state agencies to adopt tribal consultation policies and designate dedicated liaisons, as specified.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- Unknown, potentially significant costs for state agencies to designate tribal liaisons and adopt consultation policies (General Fund and various special funds). Actual costs will range from absorbable to the low hundreds of thousands of dollars per entity, depending on whether an agency has already implemented these requirements.
- Unknown cost pressures for the OTA to review and support the implementation of state agencies' tribal consultation policies, to the extent additional staff time or resources are required to meet the office's expanded responsibilities.
- Unknown costs to support the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC), including travel and other necessary expenses for conducting meetings and providing recommendations to the OTA and state agencies (General Fund).

Author Amendments: Clarify that the placement of the tribal liaison be in the executive office of the state agency or in a position reporting directly to the chair or chief executive of the state agency, department, board, or commission of state government, as applicable.

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