

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1290

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning training for tribal police officers and employees.

Sponsors: Representatives Lekanoff, Goodman, Ortiz-Self, Ramel, Leavitt and Ormsby; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission.

House Committee on Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry
Senate Committee on Law & Justice

Background:

The Criminal Justice Training Commission and Tribal Police Officers.

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) provides training and educational programs to law enforcement, corrections officers, and other public safety professionals in Washington. This includes hosting the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and the Corrections Officer Academy, as well as advanced training. The CJTC also certifies and, when necessary, decertifies peace officers and corrections officers.

The CJTC must provide training to tribal police officers and employees who are engaged in law enforcement activities, and who do not qualify as criminal justice or law enforcement personnel, if: (1) the tribe is federally recognized; and (2) the tribe pays the CJTC the full cost of such training.

Tribal governments may also request certification of their tribal police officers. When certification is requested, the tribal government must enter into a written agreement with the CJTC that requires compliance with all requirements related to granting, denying, and revoking certification as applied to peace officers. Prior to requesting certification of its officers, a tribal government may request consultation with the CJTC to ensure clarity regarding the certification requirements.

Summary:

This analysis was prepared by non-partisan legislative staff for the use of legislative members in their deliberations. This analysis is not part of the legislation nor does it constitute a statement of legislative intent.

The CJTC is required to provide training to qualifying tribal police officers and employees if:

- the tribe is federally recognized; and
- tribal agencies who have entered into tribal officer certification written agreements with the CJTC reimburse the CJTC for 25 percent of the cost of training.

Tribes without a tribal officer certification agreement must pay the CJTC the full cost of training.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 97 0

Senate 48 0

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