

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number 15-4703/1	Introduction Number SB-717	Estimate Type Original
Description Tribal college and county joint libraries		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

This bill allows a tribal college–county joint library to participate in a public library system. A tribal college–county joint library is established when a county board enters into a qualifying agreement with a tribal college to maintain a public library for the county. The agreement must require that the tribal college annually provide to the county library board an accounting of the expenditure of any appropriations received from the county and that, subject to certain reasonable regulations, the tribal college make the library free for the use of the inhabitants of the county. Also under this bill, a county with a tribal college–county joint library must have a three member library board, with members appointed by the tribal college, the American Indian tribe or band that controls the college, and the county board. The library board is responsible for any duties conferred upon it by the agreement, advising the library, and filing an annual report on the library's finances and operations.

Local: Under this bill, a tribal college is permitted to enter into an agreement with a county board to establish a tribal college–county joint library. The tribal college must annually provide to the county library board an accounting of the expenditure of any appropriations received from the county and that the tribal college must make the library free for use of the inhabitants of the county. The library board is responsible for any duties conferred upon by the agreement, advising the library, and filing an annual report on the library's finances and operations. Further, this bill may allow the tribal college library to receive some supplemental funding from the county in order to extend services, and for county residents to have access to more materials and resources that otherwise would not be available through a public library. Because the extent and scope to which these agreements will be pursued is unknown, the local fiscal impact as a result of this bill cannot be determined and is therefore indeterminate.

State: None.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications