

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1952

PRINTER NO. 3164

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

General Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

October 4, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Thomas

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1952 amends the Administrative Code of 1929 by establishing a committee within the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial (commission) to select infrastructure improvements and projects.

This legislation provides for a committee of 12 members of the Senate and 12 members of the House of Representatives from each political party in different geographical regions of the Commonwealth as specified in the bill. Six members shall be appointed by the Majority Leader and six members by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and six members shall be appointed by the Speaker and six members by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

The committee shall hold meetings and hearings in each different region of the Commonwealth to select infrastructure improvements and projects for completion by January 31, 2026, that will allow each region to secure funding and help welcome visitors during the United States Semiquincentennial. The improvements or projects shall be selected by December 31, 2023. The committee shall hold public hearings to receive feedback on the best projects to select in each region.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 1952 will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds in the current fiscal year. The Administrative Code of 1929 provides for reimbursement for travel expenses for members of the commission. This legislation establishes a committee within the commission and requires the committee to hold multiple public hearings around the Commonwealth. To fulfill the requirements of the legislation, funds may be necessary to provide reimbursement for travel expenses of the committee members.