



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2132

PRINTER'S NO. 3436

PRIME SPONSOR: Daley

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
General Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

SUMMARY:

Amends Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) to establish the Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2132, Printer's Number 3436 adds a new Chapter 15 to Title 12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes establishing the Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission. The Commission is empowered to advance bilateral trade and investment between Pennsylvania and Ireland; initiate joint action on policy issues of mutual interest to Pennsylvania and Ireland; promote business and academic exchanges between Pennsylvania and Ireland; encourage mutual economic support between Pennsylvania and Ireland; and encourage mutual investment in the infrastructure of Pennsylvania and Ireland.

The Commission will have fifteen members:

- The Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development or a designee, who shall serve as chair.
- Six individuals appointed by the Governor, which shall include:
 - At least one representative from a public institution of higher education;
 - At least one representative from the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry; and,
 - At least two members representing Irish-American communities, neither of whom shall be members of the same political party.
- Two individuals appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate.
- Two individuals appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- Two individuals appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.
- Two individuals appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

Members shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly and report its findings, results, and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly annually.

The legislation also establishes Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission Fund as a nonlapsing fund within the State Treasury. The fund shall accept financial assets to defray the expenses of the Commission.

This legislation will take effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill contains no appropriation from the General Fund or any other state source to the Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission Fund. No staff or other resources are specifically assigned to the Commission, and the Commission's members are not compensated. At this time, the legislation would have no fiscal impact on commonwealth funds, unless a subsequent appropriation is made.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.