

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0089 Introduced on January 14, 2025

Subject: Military Affairs Advisory Council Requestor: Senate Family and Veterans Services

RFA Analyst(s): Boggs

Impact Date: January 27, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill renames the South Carolina Military Base Task Force to the South Carolina Military Affairs Advisory Council (Council) and revises the mission of the Council. Additionally, this bill adds the following members to the council: the Chief Executive Officer of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, the Chairperson of the Aiken County Council, the Mayor of North Augusta, and a sixth at-large member appointed but the Governor. Further, this bill states that the council shall convene no less than once every calendar year at such times as requested by the council's chairperson, secretary, or the Governor.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), the Department of Commerce, and the Office of the Adjutant General each anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact. DVA states all participating members of the Council associated with DVA are volunteers and do not receive any compensation for attending meetings, and any additional duties required of DVA by this bill can be managed within existing appropriations. The Office of Adjutant General and the Department of Commerce anticipate that the changes made to the Council in this bill can be managed within existing resources.

Additionally, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the Governor's Office. This bill requires the Governor to appoint an additional at-large member to the council. The Governor's Office anticipates that any additional duties required by this bill can be managed with existing staff and appropriations.

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the House or Senate. The House of Representatives and Senate anticipate being able to pay any additional per diem, subsistence, and mileage to its appointed members due to the potential increase in the number of meetings required by this bill with existing appropriations.

This bill adds the Chief Executive Officer of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, Chairperson of the Aiken County Council, and the Mayor of North Augusta as members of the council. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted Aiken and Edgefield Counties to determine the potential impact this bill may have on the respective counties and received no response.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 14, 2025 State Expenditure

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The House of Representatives and Senate anticipate being able to pay any additional subsistence, per diem, and mileage to the members who serve on the Council due to the potential increased number of meetings with existing appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no fiscal impact on the House or Senate.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

This bill adds the Chief Executive Officer of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce, Chairperson of the Aiken County Council, and the Mayor of North Augusta as members of the council. RFA contacted Aiken and Edgefield Counties to determine the potential impact this bill may have on the respective counties and received no response.

Local Revenue

N/A

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