

Appropriations Committee

JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-858

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN

Title: FUND.

Vote Date: 4/24/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

PH Date:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Appropriations Committee.

REASONS FOR BILL:

SB-858 changes the requirements for distribution of funds deposited into the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund and prohibits the money within the fund from being swept except with a declaration of an emergency by the Governor and a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly. The amount of money distributed to municipalities has declined over the years, as monies from the fund have been used to address state budget shortfalls. The provisions of the bill would provide funding predictability to municipalities, thereby assisting cities and towns with the delivery of municipal services.

The bill also requires an additional payment of \$600,000 annually to the towns of Ledyard and Montville should the General Assembly enact legislation that would exempt the taxation of personal property located on tribal trust lands. Currently, these municipalities collect approximately \$600,000 annually from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Mohegan Tribal Nation on non-Indian personal property located on trust lands. The measure would replace the lost tax revenue.

Substitute Language: In line 19, the year "2027" is changed to "2028," ensuring changes do not take effect until Fiscal Year 2028.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

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