
OLR Bill Analysis

SB 1027

AN ACT REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE OPPOSE APPLICATIONS BY FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBES TO CONVERT ANY PARCEL OF FEE INTEREST LAND TO FEDERAL TRUST STATUS.

SUMMARY

This bill removes a provision in current law that requires the state to oppose any application by a Native American tribe to convert any parcel of fee interest land (i.e. land owned with no restrictions) to federal trust status under federal regulations on Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) land acquisitions.

Generally, land in trust status is held in trust by the United States on behalf of an individual Native American or tribe. Among other things, land held in federal trust status:

1. may qualify for certain BIA programs and services;
2. is not subject to state or local taxes; and
3. cannot be alienated or encumbered (e.g., sold, gifted, or leased) without the federal secretary of the interior's approval.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/13/2025)