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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by Senate Finance

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Maharath

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- LBO staff estimate the annual costs of operating the Ohio Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs Commission, which the bill creates, at up to \$500,000. The bill does not make an appropriation for this purpose.
- The bill has no direct fiscal effect on the state's political subdivisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill: (1) establishes the Ohio Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs Commission, (2) requires the Commission to gather and disseminate information regarding this constituency in Ohio, and (3) establishes the related Office of Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties.

LBO staff estimate the annual costs of operating the Ohio Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs Commission at up to \$500,000. An existing comparable state agency is the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, which consists of 11 voting members, 4 nonvoting members, and 3 full-time permanent staff. Its annual operating expenses range between \$400,000 and \$500,000, roughly 75% of which pays for personal services (wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and payroll check off charges).

The Commission consists of 11 voting members, appointed by the Governor, and four ex officio, nonvoting members, who are General Assembly members. Each voting member will be compensated for work as a member for each day that the member is actually engaged in the performance of work as a member, in an amount determined by the Director of Administrative Services, pursuant to statutory pay schedules. However, a voting member is not permitted to be compensated for more than one day each month. In addition, each voting member is to be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of official business.

The Office is accountable to the Commission and to be administered by the Director of Asian-American and Pacific Islander Affairs. The Commission appoints the Director, who serves at the pleasure of the Commission. The Director, with the Commission's approval, is required to appoint necessary employees to carry out the Office's duties. The employees serve at the pleasure of the Director.