
**Community Safety, Justice, & Reentry
Committee**

HB 1290

Brief Description: Concerning training for tribal police officers and employees.

Sponsors: Representatives Lekanoff, Goodman, Ortiz-Self, Ramel, Leavitt and Ormsby; by request of Criminal Justice Training Commission.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Establishes circumstances when a tribal government and the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) share costs for the CJTC to provide training to certain tribal police officers who are engaged in law enforcement activities.
- Provides that tribes without agreements with the CJTC must pay the CJTC the full cost of training.

Hearing Date: 1/30/23

Staff: Michelle Rusk (786-7153).

Background:

The Criminal Justice Training Commission and Tribal Police Officers.

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) provides training and educational programs to law enforcement, corrections officers, and other public safety professionals in Washington. This includes hosting the Basic Law Enforcement Academy and the Corrections Officer Academy, as well as advanced training. The CJTC also certifies and, when necessary, decertifies peace officers and corrections officers.

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The CJTC is required to provide training to tribal police officers of federally recognized tribes when the tribe pays the full cost of training. In addition, tribal governments may request certification of their tribal police officers. When certification is requested, the tribal government must enter into a written agreement with the CJTC that requires compliance with all requirements related to granting, denying, and revoking certification as apply to peace officers. Prior to requesting certification of its officers, a tribal government may request consultation with the CJTC to ensure clarity regarding the certification requirements.

Summary of Bill:

The CJTC is required to provide training to tribal police officers and employees engaged in law enforcement activities, and who do not qualify as peace officers, corrections officers, or officers of a general authority Washington law enforcement agency, if:

- The tribe is federally recognized; and
- Tribal agencies who have entered into tribal officer certification written agreements with the CJTC reimburse the CJTC for 25 percent of the cost of training.

Tribes without a tribal officer certification agreements must pay the CJTC the full cost of training.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 25, 2023

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.