

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

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S. 0846 Introduced on January 9, 2024 **Bill Number:**

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Subject: Use of Indian as Part of Corporate Name Senate Labor, Commerce, and Industry Requestor:

RFA Analyst(s): Vesely

Impact Date: February 5, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill amends Section 33-31-401 to prohibit a corporation or other association from using any of a series of terms for Native American entities as part of its name, unless the corporation is actually associated with a federally recognized tribe or a state recognized tribe, group, or special interest organization.

The Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) serves as the filing office for corporations and associations that do business inside the state of South Carolina. SOS has indicated that this bill will be handled with existing staff and resources under the course of normal duties and, therefore, will have no fiscal impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 9, 2024 State Expenditure

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SOS serves as the filing office for corporations and associations that do business inside the state of South Carolina. SOS receives and approves the articles of incorporation, including the corporate name, for these businesses. SOS has indicated that this bill will be handled with existing staff and resources under the course of normal duties and, therefore, will have no fiscal impact.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A