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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0869	Introduced on January 29, 2026
Subject:	Permanent License Plates	
Requestor:	Senate Transportation	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
Impact Date:	April 14, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires permanent license plates to be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to all tribal governments located in the state. The plate that designates a tribal government must include the prefix TG. The fee associated with obtaining a permanent license plate is \$2.

DMV indicates that the issuance of these new plates will have no expenditure impact to the agency. However, DMV reports that the agency will require six months following the approval of the plate design to accomplish the provisions of the bill.

Revenue generated from the \$2 fee will be allocated to the Plate Replacement Fund, which is Other Funds of DMV. However, since the number of tribal plates that will be issued is unknown, the increase in Other Funds revenue of DMV is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

N/A

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