**149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
**FISCAL NOTE**

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| **BILL:** | **HOUSE BILL NO. 349** |
| **SPONSOR:** | **Representative Keeley** |
| **DESCRIPTION:** | **AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON IRISH HERITAGE AND CULTURE.** |

## Assumptions:

1. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act creates a twelve (12) member Commission on Irish Heritage and Culture ("Commission") to study, design, encourage, and promote Irish-related cultural and educational programs and events in the State of Delaware, and to engage in activities which strengthen ties between the State and Ireland.

3. The Commission will fall under the authority of the Secretary of State. Commission members will serve without compensation.

4. Direct expenses for the Commission include the cost of business cards for members, in-state travel, and meeting costs. Indirect expenses may include shared office space, supplies, equipment, and the potential for some contractual staff support for meetings and events.

5. The Commission on Indian Heritage, a similarly positioned commission under the Department of State, is used as a proxy to estimate the above expenses at roughly $1,000 for first year start-up costs, with the potential for an increase to $2,500 in subsequent years for ongoing Commission activities.

6. This estimate does not include any additional programmatic costs the Commission may choose to incur associated with project grants, promotions, and attendance of out-of-state conferences, and does not reflect any additional spending the Commission might request in future years.

## Cost:

Fiscal Year 2018: $1,000
Fiscal Year 2019: $2,500
Fiscal Year 2020: $2,500

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