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Version: As Reported by House Ways and Means

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Cutrona and Edwards

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates a commission to study income tax fraud and issue a report.
- Commission members would be uncompensated. The Department of Taxation may incur costs to aid with commission work.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates a nine-member Tax Fraud Study Commission to study state income tax fraud and propose recommendations for preventing it. Legislators, the Tax Commissioner or Commissioner's designee, and members of the public would serve on the Commission without compensation or expense reimbursement. The Commission would be charged with issuing a report 13 months after the effective date of the bill, after which it would disband. The bill specifies that five copies of the report are to be provided, to the Governor and four leaders of the legislature.

The bill requires the Department of Taxation to assist the Commission if requested to do so. The Department may incur costs to provide such assistance. Issuance of the report required of the Commission would also entail costs, likely only modest given the limited distribution specified for the report. Whether the Department or another agency is to pay costs of producing the report is not stated in the bill. No appropriation is provided to cover costs incurred for the Commission's work. Any costs to the Department may be paid from GRF appropriation item 110321, Operating Expenses.