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Summary

This bill, as amended, directs the commissioner of children, youth, and families to contract with an independent third-party consultant to conduct a fiscal analysis to identify and make recommendations on utilizing all available child welfare funding streams and federal resources.

The bill outlines the consultant selection process, and requires the consultant to evaluate: (1) financial systems in Minnesota's child welfare system and funding sources available; and (2) state, county, and Tribal access to and use of funding or reimbursements for child welfare expenses from federal funds. The bill requires stakeholder engagement and a report to the legislature on the fiscal analysis findings and recommendations by June 30, 2027, provides for participation and data sovereignty for Minnesota's 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations, and appropriates onetime money from the general fund to the commissioner of children, youth, and families for the fiscal analysis.