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House Bill 5637 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
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House Committee: House Oversight and Ethics
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## CONTENT

The bill would create the "Michigan Freedom Trail Commission Act" to do the following:

- -- Establish the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission within the Department of State.
- -- Require the Commission, among other things, to promote and preserve the history of the Freedom Trail and Underground Railroad in the State.
- -- Require the Commission to report annually to the Governor and Legislature on the Commission's activities in the prior calendar year.

Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Commission would incur costs from paying expenses to Commission members as well as one staff member to provide administrative support. Public Act 310 of 1998 provided \$71,200 for costs associated with the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission. There would be no impact on local government.

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