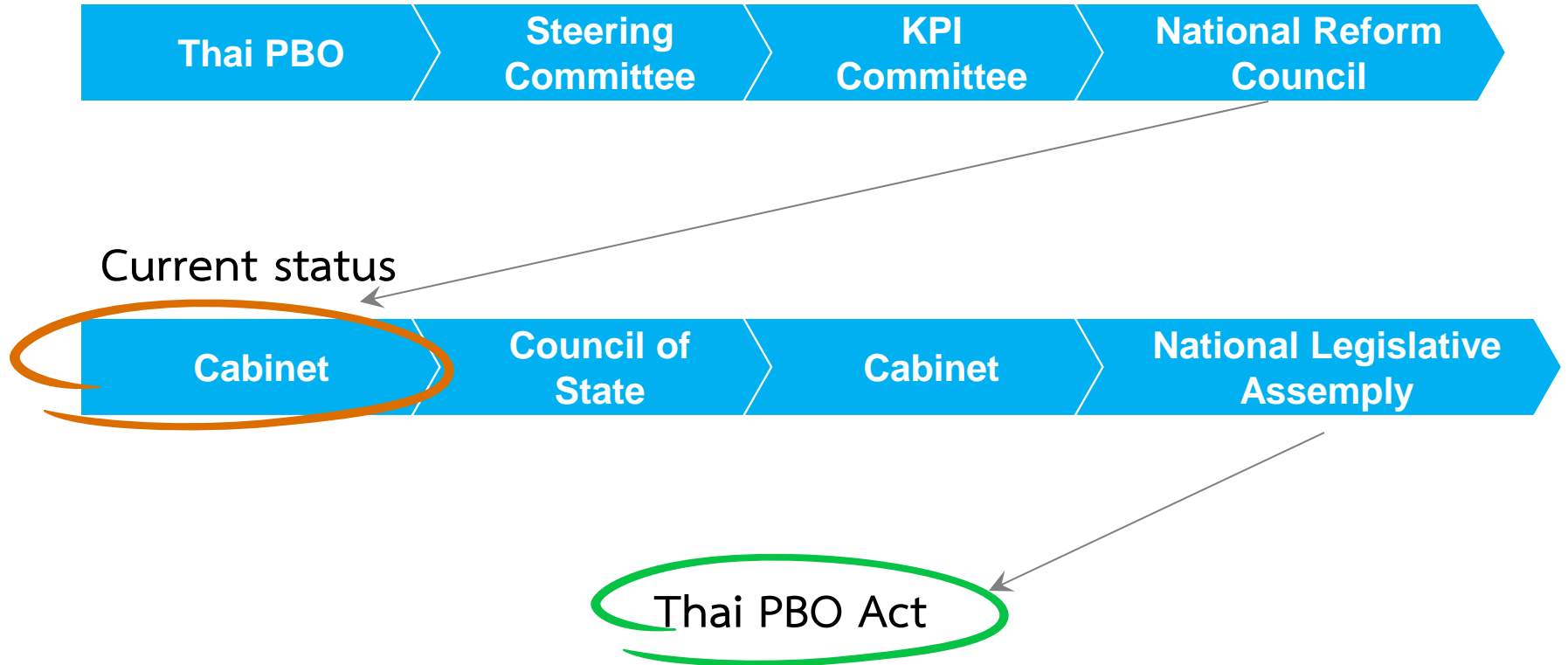


Update on Thailand's PBO Legislation

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Where are we on the legislation process?



Key Elements of the PBO Legislation

- ▶ Current draft: PBO is a nonpartisan agency under the parliament
- ▶ 1) Two committees overseeing PBO: PBO committee and Academic committee
- ▶ 2) Strict requirements for PBO Director
- ▶ 3) Revenue guarantee for PBO to ensure its nonpartisanship and prevent political interference

PBO committee and Academic committee

PBO Committee

- Responsibility:
 - Appoint PBO director
 - Evaluate PBO's work
 - Ensure the agency's nonpartisanship
- Insulate PBO director from political pressure
- By design, the share of qualified members is greater than that of politicians

Academic Committee

- Responsibility:
 - Set PBO's main agendas
 - Giving guidance and advise on technical aspects of PBO's analysis
 - Ensure independence of PBO's work
- Members should have strong records of related academic works

PBO Committee

Members

- President of the Parliament
- First Vice-President of the Parliament
- Opposition Leader
- 6 Qualified members

Qualified members

- Experts in economics, accounting or law
- Experience in top management
- Never been in or have left political positions for at least 5 years
- Others

Responsibility

- Appoint PBO director
- Evaluate PBO's work
- Ensure the agency's nonpartisanship
- Others

Academic Committee

Qualifications

- Never been in or have left political positions for at least 5 years

- Experts in economics, accounting or law

- Others

Responsibility

- Set PBO's main agendas

- Giving guidance and advise on technical aspects of PBO's analysis

- Identify key issues for PBO to study

- Ensure independence of PBO's work

- Others

Selection and Appointment of PBO's Director

Selection Committee

- Governor of the Bank of Thailand
- Auditor General
- Chairman of Economic Association
- 3 deans of the economics department (only public university)

Select 2-3 Qualified persons

PBO Committee

- President of the Parliament
- First Vice-President of the Parliament
- Opposition Leader
- 6 Qualified members

Select PBO's Director

Propose a candidate for the director for the Parliament President to appoint

PBO's Director

Qualifications

- Experts in public finance or economics
- At least 10 years of experience in public finance or economics
- Not a staff of any government agency or state enterprise
- Never been in or have left political positions for at least 5 years

Responsibility

- Ensure that PBO's operation aligns with its agendas
- Personnel management
- Others

Key provisions regarding PBO's Director

- ▶ The PBO committee could dismiss the director only under the following circumstances:
 - ▶ Corruption
 - ▶ Duty negligence
 - ▶ Obstruct the staffs' academic independence
 - ▶ Seriously violate the PBO's integrity
 - ▶ Will have to state publicly the reasons for dismissal
- ▶ Each term lasts 5 years; Maximum 2 terms
- ▶ If the director position vacates, the selection and appoint process has to begin immediately

Revenue guarantee for PBO

- ▶ Ensure the revenue guarantee for PBO to ensure its nonpartisanship and prevent political interference
- ▶ Two major sources of revenue
 - ▶ Set up initial fund with adequate budget for PBO's operation
 - ▶ Replenish the fund with designated annual budget
 - ▶ Investment returns generated from the fund itself

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