

Committee Brief:

Tribal Endorsement of Utah Driver License Amendments (2026FL0805)

Bill Overview:

This legislation creates a new section of Utah Code (53-3-237) to allow Utah residents who are enrolled members of federally recognized Indian tribes to request a voluntary notation on their driver license or identification card indicating their tribal membership. The measure reinforces recognition of Native identity while protecting individual privacy.

Key Provisions:

Voluntary Notation of Tribal Membership

This Allows an applicant for a driver license or identification card to request a notation or distinguishing mark showing they are an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian tribe

Proof of Tribal Enrollment

The Driver License Division must accept any of the following documents as satisfactory proof of tribal enrollment:

- Enhanced Tribal ID card meeting U.S. Department of Homeland Security requirements.
- Tribal identification card issued by a federally recognized tribe.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Certificate of Indian Blood or BIA tribal affidavit of birth.
- The Driver License Division will establish procedures for verification and issuance consistent with existing ID standards.