

1                   **AMERICAN INDIAN-ALASKA NATIVE RELATED**

2                                   **AMENDMENTS**

3   2020 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto**

6                                   House Sponsor: Mike Winder

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This bill addresses American Indian-Alaska Native issues.

11   **Highlighted Provisions:**

12           This bill:

- 13           ▶ requires the establishment of an office on American Indian-Alaska Native health
- 14 issues with the liaison as administrative head; and
- 15           ▶ makes technical and conforming amendments.

16   **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17           None

18   **Other Special Clauses:**

19           None

20   **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21   AMENDS:

22           **9-9-104.6**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 246

23           **26-7-2.5**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 192

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25   *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26           Section 1. Section **9-9-104.6** is amended to read:

27           **9-9-104.6. Participation of state agencies in meetings with tribal leaders --**

28   **Contact information.**

29           (1) For at least three of the joint meetings described in Subsection **9-9-104.5(2)(a)**, the

30 division shall coordinate with representatives of tribal governments and the entities listed in  
31 Subsection (2) to provide for the broadest participation possible in the joint meetings.

32 (2) The following may participate in all meetings described in Subsection (1):

33 (a) the chairs of the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee created in Section  
34 ~~36-22-1~~;

35 (b) the governor or the governor's designee;

36 (c) ~~[(†)]~~ the American ~~[Indian-Alaskan]~~ Indian-Alaska Native Health Liaison appointed  
37 in accordance with Section ~~26-7-2.5~~; ~~[or]~~

38 ~~[(ii) if the American Indian-Alaskan Native Health Liaison is not appointed, a~~  
39 ~~representative of the Department of Health appointed by the executive director of the~~  
40 ~~Department of Health;]~~

41 (d) the American ~~[Indian-Alaskan]~~ Indian-Alaska Native Public Education Liaison  
42 appointed in accordance with Section ~~53F-5-604~~; and

43 (e) a representative appointed by the chief administrative officer of the following:

44 (i) the Department of Human Services;

45 (ii) the Department of Natural Resources;

46 (iii) the Department of Workforce Services;

47 (iv) the Governor's Office of Economic Development;

48 (v) the State Board of Education; and

49 (vi) the State Board of Regents.

50 (3) (a) The chief administrative officer of the agencies listed in Subsection (3)(b) shall:

51 (i) designate the name of a contact person for that agency that can assist in coordinating  
52 the efforts of state and tribal governments in meeting the needs of the Native Americans  
53 residing in the state; and

54 (ii) notify the division:

55 (A) who is the designated contact person described in Subsection (3)(a)(i); and

56 (B) of any change in who is the designated contact person described in Subsection  
57 (3)(a)(i).

- 58 (b) This Subsection (3) applies to:  
59 (i) the Department of Agriculture and Food;  
60 (ii) the Department of Heritage and Arts;  
61 (iii) the Department of Corrections;  
62 (iv) the Department of Environmental Quality;  
63 (v) the Department of Public Safety;  
64 (vi) the Department of Transportation;  
65 (vii) the Office of the Attorney General;  
66 (viii) the State Tax Commission; and  
67 (ix) any agency described in Subsections (2)(c) through (e).

68 (c) At the request of the division, a contact person listed in Subsection (3)(b) may  
69 participate in a meeting described in Subsection (1).

70 (4) (a) A participant under this section who is not a legislator may not receive  
71 compensation or benefits for the participant's service, but may receive per diem and travel  
72 expenses as allowed in:

- 73 (i) Section 63A-3-106;  
74 (ii) Section 63A-3-107; and  
75 (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
76 63A-3-107.

77 (b) Compensation and expenses of a participant who is a legislator are governed by  
78 Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Legislative Compensation and Expenses.

79 Section 2. Section 26-7-2.5 is amended to read:

80 **26-7-2.5. American Indian-Alaska Native Health Office -- Duties.**

81 (1) As used in this section:

82 (a) "Health care" means care, treatment, service, or a procedure to improve, maintain,  
83 diagnose, or otherwise affect an individual's physical or mental condition.

84 (b) "Liaison" means the American [~~Indian-Alaskan~~] Indian-Alaska Native Health  
85 Liaison appointed under this section.

86 (2) [~~Subject to budget constraints, the~~] The executive director shall:

87 (a) establish an office to address health care of Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native  
88 population on and off reservations; and

89 (b) appoint an individual as the American [~~Indian-Alaskan~~] Indian-Alaska Native  
90 Health Liaison who serves as the administrative head of the office under the supervision of the  
91 executive director.

92 (3) The [~~liaison~~] office shall on behalf of the executive director and the department:

93 (a) promote and coordinate collaborative efforts between the department and Utah's  
94 American Indian-Alaska Native population to improve the availability and accessibility of  
95 quality health care impacting Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native populations on and off  
96 reservations;

97 (b) interact with the following to improve health disparities for Utah's American  
98 Indian-Alaska Native populations:

99 (i) tribal health programs;

100 (ii) local health departments;

101 (iii) state agencies and officials; and

102 (iv) providers of health care in the private sector;

103 (c) facilitate education, training, and technical assistance regarding public health and  
104 medical assistance programs to Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native populations; and

105 (d) staff an advisory board by which Utah's tribes may consult with state and local  
106 agencies for the development and improvement of public health programs designed to address  
107 improved health care for Utah's American Indian-Alaska Native populations on and off the  
108 reservation.

109 (4) The liaison shall annually report the [~~liaison's~~] office's activities and  
110 accomplishments to the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee created in Section

111 [36-22-1](#).