

Senator David G. Buxton proposes the following substitute bill:

AMERICAN INDIAN-ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH OFFICE

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

House Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill moves the American Indian-Alaska Native Affairs Health Office from the Department of Health to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ moves the American Indian-Alaska Native Health Office and the American Indian-Alaska Native Health Liaison from the Department of Health to the Department of Health and Human Services; and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill provides a special effective date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

9-9-104.6, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapters 184 and 282

RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

26B-2-1, (Renumbered from 26-7-2.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter



26 236)

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

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

30 **9-9-104.6. Participation of state agencies in meetings with tribal leaders --**

31 **Contact information.**

32 (1) For at least three of the joint meetings described in Subsection **9-9-104.5(2)(a)**, the
33 division shall coordinate with representatives of tribal governments and the entities listed in
34 Subsection (2) to provide for the broadest participation possible in the joint meetings.

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

36 (a) the chairs of the Native American Legislative Liaison Committee created in Section
37 **36-22-1**;

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

39 (c) the American Indian-Alaska Native Health Liaison appointed in accordance with
40 Section [~~26-7-2.5~~] **26B-2-1**;

41 (d) the American Indian-Alaska Native Public Education Liaison appointed in
42 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 Opportunity;

48 (v) the State Board of Education; and

49 (vi) the Utah Board of Higher Education.

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 Cultural and Community Engagement;

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 26B-2-1, which is renumbered from Section 26-7-2.5 is renumbered
80 and amended to read:

81 **CHAPTER 2. PROGRAMS**

82 **[26-7-2.5]. 26B-2-1. American Indian-Alaska Native Health Office -- Duties.**

83 (1) As used in this section:

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

86 (b) "Liaison" means the American Indian-Alaska Native Health Liaison appointed
87 under this section.

88 (2) The executive director shall:

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

91 (b) appoint an individual as the American Indian-Alaska Native Health Liaison who
92 serves as the administrative head of the office under the supervision of the executive director.

93 (3) The office shall on behalf of the executive director and the department:

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

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

100 (i) tribal health programs;

101 (ii) local health departments;

102 (iii) state agencies and officials; and

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

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

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

110 (4) The liaison shall annually report the office's activities and accomplishments to the
111 Native American Legislative Liaison Committee created in Section [36-22-1](#).

112 **Section 3. Effective date.**

113 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2022.