

SENATE FILE NO. SF0050

Tribal liaisons.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to administration of the government;
2 amending provisions relating to tribal liaisons; repealing
3 and conforming provisions; providing an appropriation; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-1-221 is amended to read:

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10 **9-1-221. Tribal liaison program; qualifications of**
11 **liaisons; removal; duties.**

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13 (a) There is created a tribal liaison program. The
14 purpose of the program shall be to encourage mutual
15 respect, understanding and leadership between the state and
16 the Northern Arapaho tribe and the Eastern Shoshone tribe.

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2 **(b)** The governor ~~may employ a tribal liaison, who~~
3 shall select two (2) persons to serve as tribal liaisons
4 and to administer the tribal liaison program as provided in
5 this section. Before making a selection, the governor shall
6 solicit a list of nominations from the Eastern Shoshone
7 business council and the Northern Arapaho business council.
8 The selection of the liaisons shall be with the advice and
9 consent of the senate in accordance with W.S. 28-12-101
10 through 28-12-103. If the legislature has adjourned, the
11 governor may make temporary selections in the manner
12 provided for in W.S. 28-12-101(b). Each liaison shall be a
13 qualified elector of the state and ~~who~~ may be removed by
14 the governor as provided in W.S. 9-1-202. The ~~liaison~~
15 liaisons shall:

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17 **(i)** Aid, assist and advise the governor on
18 state-tribal relations including the coordination of
19 programs and other activities between the state and tribal
20 governments. The tribal ~~liaison~~ liaisons may maintain
21 offices within the state as directed by the governor;
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1 (ii) Facilitate communication between the tribes
2 and the office of the governor, executive branch agencies,
3 the select committee on tribal relations and the
4 legislature;

6 (iii) Serve for a period of two (2) years unless
7 the tribes and the office of the governor agree otherwise.

9 **Section 2.** 2005 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 144,
10 Sections 1 and 2 is repealed.

12 **Section 3.** Of the amount appropriated from the
13 general fund to the office of the governor in 2014 Wyoming
14 Session Laws, Chapter 26, Section 2, Section 001 and
15 pursuant to footnote 3 of 2014 Wyoming Session Laws,
16 Chapter 26, Section 2, Section 001, there is authorized two
17 hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) for the purpose of
18 funding the tribal liaison program for the period beginning
19 July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. A request to
20 continue funding for the program in the amount of four
21 hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be included in
22 the governor's 2017-2018 biennium standard budget request.

1 **Section 4.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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