

HOUSE BILL NO. 568

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT STRENGTHENING A COUNTY'S CONSULTATION WITH TRIBES ON COUNTY POLICIES AND SERVICES THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT TRIBAL POPULATIONS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. County consultation with tribes. (1) In planning or implementing policies and services that directly affect tribal populations, a county shall:

(a) consider the following principles:

(i) a commitment to cooperation and collaboration;

(ii) mutual understanding and respect;

(iii) regular and early communication;

(iv) a process of accountability for addressing issues; and

(v) preservation of the tribal-county relationship; and

(b) help ensure maximum tribal participation in and awareness of county policies and services by sharing information and undertaking diligent consultation with tribal leaders.

(2) For the purpose of this section, "consultation" means a reasonable and good faith effort to seek, discuss, and consider the views of others and, when feasible, come to agreement with others.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 7, chapter 1, and the provisions of Title 7, chapter 1, apply to [section 1].

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