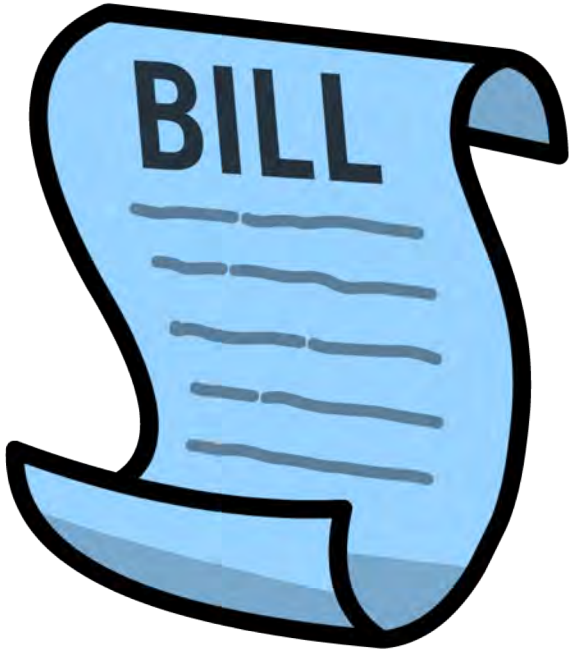
Draft Washington Indian Health Improvement Act



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About Us

Pulling Together for Wellness

We are a Tribally-driven, non-profit organization providing a forum for the twenty-nine tribal governments and two urban Indian health programs in Washington State to work together to improve health outcomes for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

DRAFT Washington Indian Health Improvement Bill

- In 2017, the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State (AIHC) drafted the Washington Indian Health Improvement bill for passage by the Washington State Legislature
- The Act is still in draft form, and the AIHC is continuing to make revisions based on tribal leader feedback and input
- The initial bill had support from both House and Senate leaders
- We expect the revised bill to move forward in the 2019 legislative session

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AN ACT Relating to Indian health in Washington state.

Intent of the legislature to:

- Assure the highest possible health status for American Indians and Alaska Natives by providing the resources necessary; and
- Raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to at least the levels set forth in the goals contained within the federal healthy people 2020 initiative or successor objectives

Major Components

1. Governor's Indian Health Council
2. Consultation & Engagement Requirements
3. 100% FMAP Savings
4. Washington Indian Health Reinvestment Pool
5. Indian Health Care Provider Reimbursement
6. AI/AN Managed Care Exemptions and Entity Requirements
7. Historical Trauma Informed Care
8. Indian Public Health Improvement
9. **Tribal Representation on Emergency Management Council**

Washington Emergency Management Council

Background

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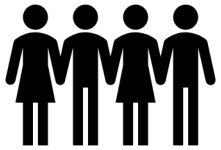
RCW 38.52.040 Emergency Management Council Membership

There is hereby created the emergency management council (hereinafter called the council), to consist of not more than seventeen members who shall be appointed by the adjutant general. The membership of the council shall include, but not be limited to, representatives of city ((~~and~~)), tribal and county governments, sheriffs and police chiefs, the Washington state patrol, the military department, the department of ecology, state and local fire chiefs, seismic safety experts, state and local emergency management directors, search and rescue volunteers, medical professions who have expertise in emergency medical care, building officials, and private industry.



Questions

1. Should there be tribal representation on the Emergency Management Council?

2. How should tribes be represented? Should each tribe be represented on the Council (this changes the number of seats from 17 to 46)? Or, should the tribes elect a tribal representative(s)?

3. If tribes elect a tribal representative(s),

   a. how many representatives should they elect?

   b. how or when should the tribal representative(s) be elected?