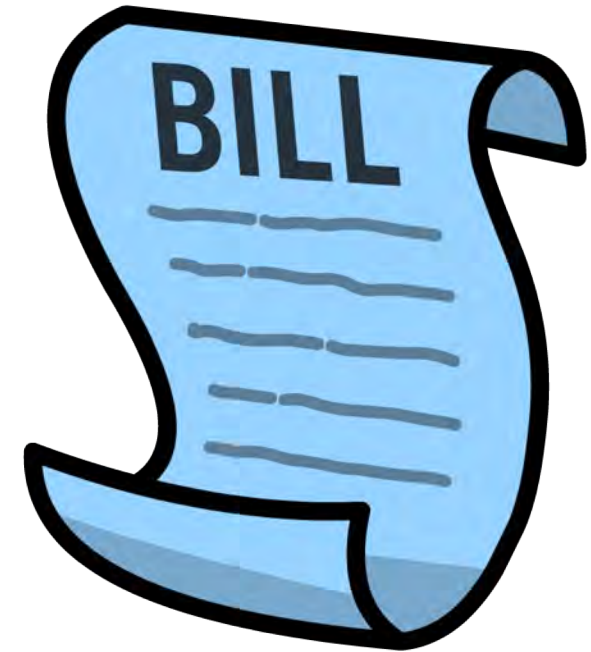


Draft Washington Indian Health Improvement Act

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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.

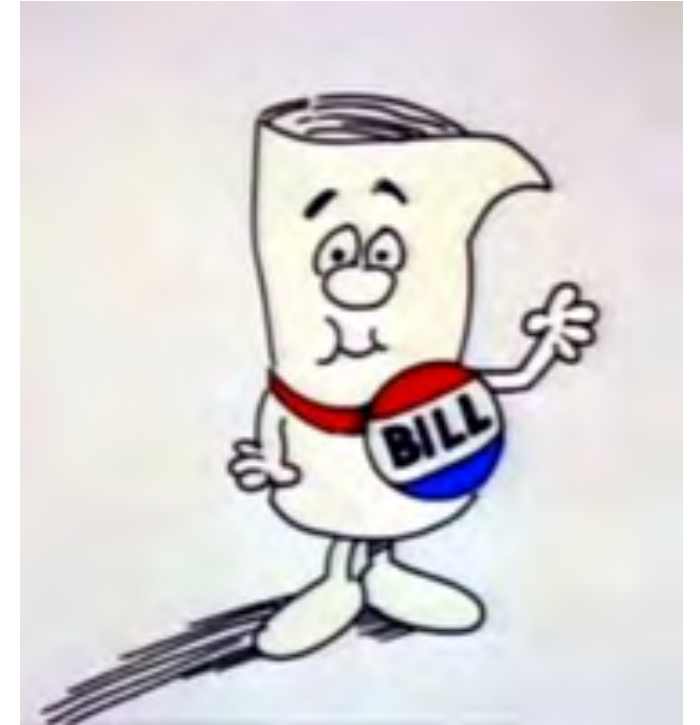


Purpose of Discussion

- Update on the Commission's draft Washington Indian Health Improvement Act
- The draft will contain a proposed amendment to **RCW 38.52.040** by adding tribal representation to Washington State's Emergency Management Council
- Tribal leaders and tribal representatives are putting forth suggested language for the proposed amendment

DRAFT Washington Indian Health Improvement Bill

- In 2017, the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State (Commission) 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



DRAFT Washington Indian Health Improvement Bill

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**

Current Role of the Emergency Management Council

RCW 38.52.040

- Advise the governor and the director on all matters pertaining to state and local emergency management
- Develop specific recommendations for the improvement of emergency management practices, standards, policies, or procedures (through appointment of committees/work groups)
- Appoint members to the intrastate mutual aid committee - WAMAS
- Ensure that the governor receives an annual assessment of statewide emergency preparedness including, but not limited to, specific progress on hazard mitigation and reduction efforts, implementation of seismic safety improvements, reduction of flood hazards, and coordination of hazardous materials planning and response activities



**Current
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 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.

Washington Emergency Management Council & Tribes

Background



DRAFTING A LEGISLATIVE FIX (by Tribes)

Example of Tribal Representation on a State Board in RCW

RCW 43.20.030 State board of health—Members The state board of health shall be composed of ten members. These shall be the secretary or the secretary's designee and nine other persons to be appointed by the governor, including four persons experienced in matters of health and sanitation, one of whom is a health official from a federally recognized tribe; an elected city official who is a member of a local health board; an elected county official who is a member of a local health board; a local health officer; and two persons representing the consumers of health care. Before appointing the city official, the governor shall consider any recommendations submitted by the association of Washington cities. Before appointing the county official, the governor shall consider any recommendations submitted by the Washington state association of counties. Before appointing the local health officer, the governor shall consider any recommendations submitted by the Washington state association of local public health officials. Before appointing one of the two consumer representatives, the governor shall consider any recommendations submitted by the state council on aging. The chair shall be selected by the governor from among the nine appointed members. The department of health shall provide necessary technical staff support to the board. The board may employ an executive director and a confidential secretary, each of whom shall be exempt from the provisions of the state civil service law, chapter [41.06](#) RCW.

Questions

1. How many tribal seats should be on the EMC (currently 17)?
2. If tribal representation is limited to one or two seats on the EMC, how is that individual(s) selected? Some options...
 - a. Adjutant General
 - b. Governor
3. What recommendations should the Gov/AG or other body/official take in making their appointments? Some options...
 - a. Tribal leaders; and/or
 - b. Tribal organizations (if so, which tribal orgs)?
4. What, if any, are the eligibility requirements? Some options...
 - a. Tribal council member?
 - b. Emergency management official from federally recognized tribe?

Next Steps

- Commission to draft language based on tribal feedback and send to all tribal leaders and AIHC delegates for additional feedback/input
- AIHC would like tribal input by August 1, 2018
- Another meeting?

RCW 38.52.050 Governor's general powers and duties

(1) The governor, through the director, shall have general supervision and control of the emergency management functions in the department, and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of this chapter, and in the event of disaster beyond local control, may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the emergency management functions within this state.