

ENROLLED ACT NO. 74, SENATE

SIXTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2015 GENERAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Aid, assist and advise the governor on state-tribal relations including the coordination of programs and other activities between the state and tribal

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governments. The tribal ~~liaison~~ liaisons may maintain offices within the state as directed by the governor; ~~-~~

(ii) Facilitate communication between the tribes and the office of the governor, executive branch agencies, the select committee on tribal relations and the legislature;

(iii) Stand for reappointment one (1) time every two (2) years unless sooner removed by the governor pursuant to W.S. 9-1-202 after consultation with the tribes.

(c) The governor's office, in conjunction with the tribal liaisons, shall report to the select committee on tribal relations on the successes, opportunities and future issues of the tribal liaison program on or before December 1 of each year.

**Section 2.** 2005 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 144, Sections 1 and 2 is repealed.

**Section 3.** Of the amounts appropriated to the office of the governor by 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26, Section 2, Section 001 and pursuant to footnote 3 of that section, the office of the governor is authorized to expend two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). These funds shall be expended for the purpose of employing two (2) tribal liaisons and funding the tribal liaison program required by this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. A request to continue funding for the program and the tribal liaison positions in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be included in the governor's 2017-2018 exception budget request and shall not be

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included in the governor's 2017-2018 standard biennial budget request.

**Section 4.** For the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, the office of the governor is authorized two (2) at-will employee contract positions to fill the two (2) tribal liaison positions required by this act.

**Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk