

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0005

Tribal health care services pilot program.

Sponsored by: Select Committee On Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to sponsor a tribal
2 health care services pilot program for the Arapahoe and
3 Shoshone Tribes on the Wind River Reservation.

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5 WHEREAS, the United States government has historically, by
6 treaty, accepted responsibility for the health care
7 services of the Arapahoe and Shoshone tribal members;

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9 WHEREAS, there exists a growing health care disparity
10 between tribal members and other groups in Wyoming;

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12 WHEREAS, inflation has eroded the purchasing power of the
13 Indian Health Service appropriation and Indian health care
14 service costs have increased substantially in the last ten
15 (10) years but federal funding for that care has remained
16 essentially the same;

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1 WHEREAS, Indian health contract care has financially
2 impacted the quality of medical care and services provided,
3 the quality of health facilities available and provided an
4 economic boost to communities surrounding the Wind River
5 Reservation and this impact needs to be studied.

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7 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
8 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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10 **Section 1.** That the Wyoming State Legislature
11 endorses the establishment of a tribal health care services
12 pilot program to study these areas of concern.

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14 **Section 2.** That the Wyoming State Legislature
15 strongly encourages the United States to appropriate monies
16 for the establishment of a tribal health care services
17 pilot program on the Wind River Reservation.

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19 **Section 3.** That the Wyoming State Legislature
20 strongly encourages the United States to appropriate monies
21 to adequately pay for the increased costs of tribal health
22 care because it affects the level and quality of health
23 care available to, and provided for, all citizens in
24 Fremont, Hot Springs and Natrona Counties.

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2 **Section 4.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
3 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
4 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
5 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
6 States Congress.

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