

ORIGINAL HOUSE  
JOINT RESOLUTION  
BILL NO. 0005

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2002 SPECIAL SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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 House.

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Chief Clerk