

SENATE FILE NO. SF0050

Tribal liaisons.

Sponsored by: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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10 **9-1-221. Tribal liaison program; qualifications of**  
11 **liaisons; removal; duties.**

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

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

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17       **(i)** Aid, assist and advise the governor on  
18 state-tribal relations including the coordination of  
19 programs and other activities between the state and tribal  
20 governments. The tribal ~~liaison~~ liaisons may maintain  
21 offices within the state as directed by the governor; ~~;~~

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

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

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

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14           **Section 3.** Of the amounts appropriated to the office  
15 of the governor by 2014 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 26,  
16 Section 2, Section 001 and pursuant to footnote 3 of that  
17 section, the office of the governor is authorized to expend  
18 two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). These funds  
19 shall be expended for the purpose of employing two (2)  
20 tribal liaisons and funding the tribal liaison program  
21 required by this act. This appropriation shall be for the  
22 period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. A  
23 request to continue funding for the program and the tribal

1 liaison positions in the amount of four hundred thousand  
2 dollars (\$400,000.00) shall be included in the governor's  
3 2017-2018 exception budget request and shall not be  
4 included in the governor's 2017-2018 standard biennial  
5 budget request.

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

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

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