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SENATE BILL 22-104

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Donovan,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN STATE
102 PROGRAMS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires new and amended state statutes that enumerate or define local government entities or agencies that are eligible for state grant or benefit programs to include tribal governments or agencies if possible. The legislative council staff is required to submit a report to the legislative council by December 1, 2022, identifying state grant programs in statute and whether those programs include tribal governments as

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

eligible recipients.

The Colorado commission on Indian affairs is required, in consultation with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, to submit a report to the legislative council identifying opportunities for tribal governments to be included in the operations or programs of the state as a partner, assessing whether the Colorado commission on Indian affairs can facilitate or provide those opportunities, and recommending other ways for the state to facilitate or provide those opportunities.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add 2-2-803** as
3 follows:

4 **2-2-803. Inclusion of tribal governments - definition.** (1) AS
5 USED IN THIS SECTION, "LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES" INCLUDES AN
6 AUTHORITY, COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, CITY AND COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR
7 OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; ANY INSTITUTION,
8 DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR AUTHORITY OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING; AND
9 ANY OTHER ENTITY, ORGANIZATION, OR CORPORATION FORMED BY AN
10 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OR OTHER CONTRACT BETWEEN OR
11 AMONG ANY OF THE FOREGOING.

12 (2) ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, NEW OR
13 AMENDED STATE STATUTES THAT ENUMERATE OR DEFINE LOCAL
14 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR OR INCLUDED IN STATE
15 GRANT OR BENEFIT PROGRAMS MUST INCLUDE TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS OR
16 TRIBAL AGENCIES, AS APPLICABLE, IF LEGAL AND APPROPRIATE GIVEN THE
17 NATURE AND FUNDING SOURCE OF THE PROGRAM.

18 (3) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS NOT GROUNDS TO INVALIDATE
19 A NEW OR AMENDED STATUTE; HOWEVER, THE STATUTE SHALL BE
20 AMENDED TO REFLECT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN ANY

1 SUBSEQUENT REVISION.

2 SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 2-3-312 as
3 follows:

4 **2-3-312. Opportunities to include tribal governments - reports**

5 **- definition - repeal.** (1) BY DECEMBER 1, 2022, THE LEGISLATIVE
6 COUNCIL STAFF SHALL SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL A REPORT IDENTIFYING
7 STATE GRANT PROGRAMS CURRENTLY IN STATUTE THAT PROVIDE GRANTS
8 TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND WHETHER EACH PROGRAM
9 INCLUDES TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS OR TRIBAL AGENCIES AS ELIGIBLE
10 RECIPIENTS. AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1), "LOCAL GOVERNMENT
11 ENTITIES" INCLUDES AN AUTHORITY, COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, CITY AND
12 COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; ANY
13 INSTITUTION, DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR AUTHORITY OF ANY OF THE
14 FOREGOING; AND ANY OTHER ENTITY, ORGANIZATION, OR CORPORATION
15 FORMED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT OR OTHER CONTRACT
16 BETWEEN OR AMONG ANY OF THE FOREGOING.

17 (2) BY DECEMBER 1, 2022, THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON
18 INDIAN AFFAIRS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 24-44-102 SHALL, IN
19 CONSULTATION WITH THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE AND THE SOUTHERN
20 UTE INDIAN TRIBE, PREPARE AND SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL:

21 (a) IDENTIFYING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS TO BE
22 INCLUDED IN THE OPERATIONS OR PROGRAMS OF THE STATE AS A PARTNER;

23 (b) ASSESSING WHETHER THE COLORADO COMMISSION ON INDIAN
24 AFFAIRS IS ABLE TO FACILITATE OR PROVIDE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES; AND

25 (c) MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON OTHER WAYS FOR THE STATE
26 TO FACILITATE OR PROVIDE THOSE OPPORTUNITIES.

27 (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2023.

1 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
4 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
5 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
6 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
7 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
8 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
9 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.