

Subject Tribal Nation Recognition and Consultation

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Summary

This bill proposes a new statute that recognizes the unique legal relationship between Tribal Nations and the state of Minnesota, including the 11 federally recognized Tribal Nations with elected or appointed governments that exist within the state's geographic boundaries. It further recognizes the benefits of meaningful and timely consultation between the state and the Tribal Nations to maintaining a mutually respectful and beneficial relationship.

To facilitate the consultation process, the bill directs certain state agencies to implement tribal consultation policies to guide their work and interactions with Tribal Nations. Additional details and minimum requirements for the consultation process are provided. Each agency subject to a consultation requirement by this bill is required to designate a tribal liaison to serve as the agency's principal point of contact with Tribal Nations in Minnesota.

The bill provides that it is not intended to establish any new substantive right to administrative or judicial review, or other mechanism of enforcement, and does not limit the authority of the state or its agencies from asserting rights or pursuing actions in the interest of the state that may be permitted by federal or state law.

This bill codifies an existing executive order of the governor, [Executive Order 19-24](#), so that it becomes a permanent law of the state. A version of the executive order has been issued or continued by each incumbent governor since at least 2002.