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Summary

This bill adds the Public Utilities Commission to the list of agencies that are required to engage in a government-to-government consultation process with relevant Tribes on matters that have Tribal implications.

The law requiring agencies to recognize the unique legal relationship between the state of Minnesota and Minnesota Tribal governments, and to develop and implement procedures for engaging in active consultation, was first enacted in 2021 and applies to a list of 30 agencies that includes, among others, all of the state's major cabinet-level agencies.