

STATE OF WASHINGTON

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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## **SUBJECT:** Department of Health 2024 Legislative Package Review

Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders & Tribal Partners:

In accordance with chapter <u>43.376 RCW</u>, the <u>Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989</u>, and <u>DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure</u>, we invite collaboration with Indian tribes and tribal organizations in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affect Indian tribes and tribal people. Therefore, please accept our invitation to attend a virtual webinar to discuss Department of Health's legislative and budget proposals.

We appreciate any input or concerns that tribal leaders wish to share, including what impact our legislative and budget package may have on American Indian/Alaska Native people, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Health Organizations.

Two webinars will be offered for you to provide feedback and ask questions about our legislative and budget proposals.

- A general session, for all partners, will be on Monday, August 28 at 10:00 AM.
  Zoom Meeting ID: 850 8781 7245 Passcode: 503482
- A tribal-specific session will be on Wednesday, August 30 at 11:00 AM. Zoom Meeting ID: 844 0918 4221 Passcode: 535799

We anticipate emailing our draft legislative and budget package to you on or around Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In addition to participating in the webinars, please email your comments or questions at any time about our proposals to DOH's Director of Legislative Relations Kelly Cooper at <u>Kelly.Cooper@doh.wa.gov</u>.

After reviewing the legislative and budget proposals, your tribe may request consultation by submitting a written request to me. If you have any questions or would like our Tribal Policy

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Director to speak with you, please contact Candice Wilson by phone at 360-819-7626 or by email at <u>Candice.Wilson@doh.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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