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April 18, 2024

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners:

SUBJECT: Informational- Potential agency request legislation for cottage food operations

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), I am writing today to provide information about potential 2025 agency request legislation to amend [chapter 69.22 RCW](#), which regulates cottage food operations.

These businesses are operated by persons who produce cottage food products only in the home kitchen of that person's primary domestic residence in Washington and only for sale directly to the consumer. The cottage food program and rulemaking are currently within the authority of Washington State Department of Agriculture. The agency request legislation would shift oversight authority and rulemaking authority of Cottage Food Operations to the Department of Health. [Cottage Food Operations – Proposed Legislation | Washington State Department of Health](#). This will help us direct our food safety and community engagement efforts with those who want to sell food prepared in home kitchens.

Please provide written feedback to Joe Graham, Water Recreation and Food Safety Section Manager, at food.safety@doh.wa.gov by Friday, **May 31, 2024**. For any other comments, please contact Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health & Relations (OTPHR), at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360- 819-7626.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "TP AS".

Todd Phillips, R.S.
Director of the Office of Environmental Health and Safety

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