

HOUSE BILL NO. 632

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A DECENNIAL REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIAN RESERVATIONS TO MONTANA; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 90-1-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 90-1-105, MCA, is amended to read:

**"90-1-105. Functions of department of commerce -- economic development.** The department of commerce shall:

(1) provide coordinating services to aid state and local groups and Indian tribal governments in the promotion of new economic enterprises and conduct publicity and promotional activities in connection with new economic enterprises;

(2) collect and disseminate information regarding the advantages of developing agricultural, recreational, commercial, and industrial enterprises within this state;

(3) serve as an official state liaison between persons interested in locating new economic enterprises in Montana and state and local groups and Indian tribal governments seeking new enterprises;

(4) aid communities and Indian tribal governments interested in obtaining new business or expanding existing business;

(5) (a) study and promote means of expanding markets for Montana products; and

(b) provide training and assistance for Montana small businesses and entrepreneurs to expand markets for made-in-Montana products;

(6) encourage and coordinate public and private agencies or bodies in publicizing the facilities and attractions of the state;

(7) starting in 2020, publish a decennial report on the economic contributions of Indian reservations to Montana. Copies of the report must be provided to the governor, each tribal government in Montana, the state-tribal economic development commission, and the state-tribal relations committee, and the report must be published on the department's website.

1           ~~(7)~~(8) explore the use of cooperative agreements, as provided in Title 18, chapter 11, part 1, for the  
2 promotion and enhancement of economic opportunities on the ~~state's~~ Indian reservations in Montana; and  
3           ~~(8)~~(9) assist the state-tribal economic development commission established in 90-1-131 in:  
4           (a) identifying federal government and private sector funding sources for economic development on  
5 Indian reservations in Montana; and  
6           (b) fostering and providing assistance to prepare, develop, and implement cooperative agreements, in  
7 accordance with Title 18, chapter 11, part 1, with each of the tribal governments in Montana."  
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9           NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$170,000 from the general fund to  
10 the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, for the contracting of services to develop  
11 and publish a decennial report on the economic contributions of Indian reservations to Montana pursuant to  
12 90-1-105.  
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14           NEW SECTION. Section 3. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a  
15 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell  
16 Chippewa tribe.  
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18           NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2019.  
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