



General Assembly

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**Amendment**

LCO No. 4894

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 460

File No. 113

Cal. No. 149

***"An Act Concerning Changes To Statutes Affecting The Department Of Public Safety."***

1 Strike out everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(NEW) (a) (1) The Governor shall establish, within the Governor's  
4 office, an Office of State-Tribal Relations. The office shall be staffed by  
5 a person or persons with expertise in Indian law and shall assist the  
6 Governor in a research and advisory capacity. The office shall deal  
7 directly with the Indian Affairs Council, the Department of  
8 Environmental Protection and the Indian Affairs Coordinator. For  
9 purposes of this section, "state-recognized Indian tribes" means the  
10 tribes recognized in section 47-59a of the general statutes.

11 (2) The purpose of the office shall be to work for better  
12 understanding and improved relationships between Indians and non-  
13 Indians by (A) providing research and advice regarding laws and  
14 regulations concerning state-recognized and federally-recognized  
15 Indian tribes, (B) fostering awareness of the legal, social and economic  
16 relationship between state-recognized and federally-recognized tribes  
17 and the state, (C) facilitating communication and exchange of

18 information between state-recognized and federally-recognized Indian  
19 tribes and the state, and (D) reviewing and reporting on all proposed  
20 legislation affecting state-recognized and federally-recognized Indian  
21 tribes, and carrying out the directions of the advisory committee with  
22 respect to such legislation.

23 (b) An advisory committee to the Office of State-Tribal Relations  
24 shall be established to inform the office of critical issues affecting state-  
25 tribal relations. The advisory committee shall be composed of the  
26 following members: One representative from the Governor's office;  
27 one representative from each federally-recognized tribe within the  
28 state; one representative from each state-recognized tribe; the  
29 president pro tempore of the Senate, or a designee; the minority leader  
30 of the Senate, or a designee; the speaker of the House of  
31 Representatives, or a designee; the minority leader of the House of  
32 Representatives, or a designee; the chairpersons and ranking members  
33 of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
34 cognizance of matters relating to public safety and government  
35 administration, or their designees; the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
36 and Management, or a designee; the Commissioner of Environmental  
37 Protection, or a designee; and the Commissioner of Public Safety, or a  
38 designee.

39 (c) The Joint Committee on Legislative Management shall employ  
40 such professional and research staff with expertise in Indian law as  
41 deemed necessary to assist the General Assembly in a research and  
42 advisory capacity with respect to laws and regulations concerning  
43 state-recognized and federally-recognized Indian tribes and the social,  
44 economic and legal relationship between the state and state-recognized  
45 and federally-recognized Indian tribes in the state. The Office of  
46 Legislative Research shall report to the General Assembly every two  
47 years on enacted legislation and regulatory matters which impact  
48 state-tribal relations. The Office of Legislative Research shall deal  
49 directly with the Indian Affairs Council, Department of Environmental  
50 Protection, and the Indian Affairs Coordinator on issues related to  
51 state-recognized and federally-recognized Indian tribes in the state."