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Amendment

LCO No. 4893

Offered by:
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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 After line 96, insert the following:

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

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

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

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

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