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Proposed Bill No. 162

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Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MANAGEMENT OF RESERVATION LANDS
AND TRIBAL SERVICES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to require that (1) a retaining
- 2 wall be built on the Schaghticoke reservation to rectify the flooding of
- 3 historical burial grounds, (2) a community well, septic system and
- 4 access road be built on the Paucatuck Eastern Pequot reservation to
- 5 allow for access and use of the reservation, (3) section 47-65 be amended
- 6 to require that the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
- 7 Protection, with the advice of the Indian Affairs Council, develop a care
- 8 and management plan for reservation lands, which shall include, but
- 9 need not be limited to, a review of historical burial grounds to ensure
- 10 that such grounds are preserved and kept free of invasive species and
- 11 flood waters and a review of tribal services and utilities, including, but
- 12 not limited to, the adequacy of septic and drinking water systems, and
- 13 (4) any proposed action by the Department of Energy and
- 14 Environmental Protection on reservation lands be presented to the

15 appropriate tribal council for review.

Statement of Purpose:

To require that (1) a retaining wall be built on the Schaghticoke reservation, (2) a community well, septic system and access road be built on the Paucatuck Eastern Pequot reservation, (3) the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, with the advice of the Indian Affairs Council, develop a care and management plan for reservation lands, and (4) any changes to reservation lands proposed by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection be reviewed by the appropriate tribal council.