

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

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DATE: January 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Sunset Review of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

Attached is the final report of the sunset review of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations, which was conducted by the Senate Government Committee of Reference.

This report has been distributed to the following individuals and agencies:

Governor of the State of Arizona
The Honorable Katie Hobbs

President of the Senate
Senator Warren Petersen

Speaker of the House of Representatives
Representative Ben Toma

Senate Members

Senator Jake Hoffman, Chair
Senator Wendy Rogers, Vice-Chair
Senator Eva Diaz
Senator David C. Farnsworth
Senator Juan Mendez
Senator Janae Shamp
Senator Priya Sundareshan
Senator Justine Wadsack

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Senate Government Committee of Reference Final Report

Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

Background

Pursuant to [A.R.S. § 41-2953](#), the Joint Legislative Audit Committee assigned the sunset review of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations (GOTR) to the Senate Government Committee of Reference and the House Government Committee of Reference.

Established in 2016 replacing the former Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs, the GOTR must assist state agencies with implementing tribal consultation and outreach activities. The Governor must appoint a Director of the GOTR with consent of the Senate. The GOTR may employ clerical, professional and technical personnel.

State agencies must develop and implement tribal consultation policies to guide the agency's work and interaction with the tribal nations. The GOTR may: 1) assist in evaluating, consolidating and coordinating activities relating to the education of American Indian students; 2) provide training on cross-cultural situations; 3) accept, receive and spend fees collected for the Arizona Indian town hall; and 4) promote increased participation by American Indians in local and state affairs. The GOTR must prepare an annual report that summarizes each state agency's annual progress report that outlines the progress and challenges that the state agencies have experienced in implementing tribal consultation policies and submit the report to the Legislature during a joint session on Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day.

The GOTR, in cooperation with representative from Arizona's tribal nations must annually facilitate an Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day on Wednesday of the first week on each regular legislative session. The GOTR must coordinate the planning and preparation of the legislative day with the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and legislators who are Native American ([Laws 2016, Ch. 150](#); [A.R.S. Title 41, Ch. 15](#)).

The GOTR is statutorily set to terminate on July 1, 2024, unless legislation is enacted for its continuation ([A.R.S. § 41-3024.23](#)).

Committee of Reference Sunset Review Activity

Pursuant to [A.R.S. § 41-2954](#), the Senate Government Committee of Reference held a public meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, to review and consider the GOTR's responses to the statutorily-outlined sunset factors and receive public testimony.

Committee of Reference Recommendations

The Senate Government Committee of Reference recommended that GOTR be continued for two years, until July 1, 2026.

Appendices

1. Meeting Notice
2. Minutes of the Senate Government Committee of Reference
 - a. Attachment A: Presentation by the GOTR
 - b. Attachment B: Letters of support for the GOTR
3. Chairperson's letter requesting the GOTR 's response to sunset factors
4. The GOTR 's response to sunset factors

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ARIZONA STATE SENATE

INTERIM MEETING NOTICE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SENATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Place: SHR 1

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Opening Remarks
4. ~~Sunset Review of the Arizona Commerce Authority~~
 - ~~• Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General~~
 - ~~• Response by the Arizona Commerce Authority~~
 - ~~• Public Testimony~~
 - ~~• Discussion and Recommendations~~
5. ~~Sunset Review of the Arizona Department of Administration~~
 - ~~• Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General~~
 - ~~• Response by the Arizona Department of Administration~~
 - ~~• Public Testimony~~
 - ~~• Discussion and Recommendations~~
4. Sunset Review of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security
 - Presentation by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
5. Sunset Review of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors
 - Presentation by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
6. Sunset Review of the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration
 - Presentation by the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
7. Sunset Review of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations
 - Presentation by the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations

8. Sunset Review of the State Personnel Board
 - Presentation by the State Personnel Board
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
9. Sunset Review of the Industrial Commission of Arizona
 - Presentation by the Industrial Commission of Arizona
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
10. Sunset Review of the Boiler Advisory Board
 - Presentation by the Boiler Advisory Board
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
11. Sunset Review of the Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee
 - Presentation by the Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
12. Sunset Review of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board
 - Presentation by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
13. Sunset Review of the Arizona Commerce Authority
 - Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General
 - Response by the Arizona Commerce Authority
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
14. Sunset Review of the Arizona Department of Administration
 - Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General
 - Response by the Arizona Department of Administration
 - Public Testimony
 - Discussion and Recommendations
15. Adjourn

Members:

Senator Jake Hoffman, Chair

Senator Wendy Rogers, Vice-chair

Senator Eva Diaz

Senator David C. Farnsworth

Senator Juan Mendez

Senator Janae Shamp

Senator Priya Sundareshan

Senator Justine Wadsack

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ARIZONA STATE SENATE

SENATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

Minutes of the Meeting

January 17, 2024

9:00 A.M., SHR 1

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Members Present:

Senator Jake Hoffman, Chair
Senator Wendy Rogers, Vice-Chair
Senator Eva Diaz
Senator David C. Farnsworth
Senator Juan Mendez
Senator Janae Shamp
Senator Priya Sundareshan
Senator Justine Wadsack

Staff:

Jason Theodorou, Government Research Analyst
Alanna Bendel, Government Research Assistant Analyst
Michael Ayala, Government Research Intern

Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. and attendance was taken.

OPENING REMARKS

Senator Hoffman requested the staff introduce themselves as follows:

- Jason Theodorou, Government Research Analyst
- Alanna Bendel, Government Research Assistant Analyst
- Michael Ayala, Government Research Intern
- Jackson Cooper, Government Committee Secretary

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Presentation by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security

Kimberly O'Connor, Executive Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Homeland Security" (Attachment A). Ms. O'Connor also distributed a booklet entitled "Sunset Review, 2024 Report" (Attachment B).

Susan Dzbanko, Deputy Director of Grant Administration, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A).

Ryan Murray, Deputy Director, Statewide Information Security and Privacy Office, and Interim Chief Information Security Officer, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Dzbanko answered questions posed by members of the Committee.

Public Testimony

Gil Orrantia, Former Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security, testified in support of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Sheriff Mark Lamb, Pinal County, testified in support of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Sheriff Leon Wilmot, Yuma County, testified in support of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Robert Watkins, on behalf of Sheriff Mark Danells, Cochise County, testified in support of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security.

Discussion and Recommendations

The Committee offered comments.

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 1).

Senators Shamp, Sundareshan, Wadsack, Mendez, Rogers and Hoffman explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS

Presentation by the Arizona Registrar of Contractors

Tom Cole, Executive Deputy Director, Arizona Registrar of Contractors, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Registrar of Contractors" (Attachment C) and explained the function and purpose of the Arizona Registrar of Contractors. Mr. Cole answered questions posed by members of the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Arizona Registrar of Contractors for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 2).

Senator Hoffman explained his vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL REGISTRATION

Presentation by the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration

Judith Stapley, Executive Director, Arizona State Board of Technical Registration, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Sunset Audit Review Committee of Reference 2024" (Attachment D) and explained the function and purpose of the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration. Ms. Stapley answered questions posed by members of the Committee.

Senator Hoffman offered comments.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to convert the Occupational Licenses under the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration to a less restrictive regulation.

The Committee offered comments.

The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-0 (Attachment 3).

Senators Mendez, Sundareshan, Wadsack and Hoffman explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON TRIBAL RELATIONS

Presentation by the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

Jason Chavez, Director of Tribal Affairs, Governor's Office on Tribal Relations, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Governor's Office on Tribal Relations" (Attachment E) and a folder with documents referring to the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations (Attachment F). Mr. Chavez answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

Senator Theresa Hatathlie, Legislative District 6, testified in support of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations.

Senator Sally Gonzales, Legislative District 20, testified in support of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 4).

Senators Mendez, Sundareshan, Rogers and Hoffman explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

Presentation by the State Personnel Board

Zachariah Tolliver, Executive Director, State Personnel Board, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona State Personnel Board" (Attachment G). Mr. Tolliver answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the State Personnel Board for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-2 (Attachment 5).

Senators Mendez and Sundareshan explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA COMMERCE AUTHORITY

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Monette Kiepke, Performance Audit Manager, Office of the Auditor General, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Commerce Authority, Performance Audit and Sunset Review" (Attachment H) and explained the findings from the Auditor General's Sunset Review. Ms. Kiepke answered questions posed by the Committee.

Response by the Arizona Commerce Authority

Sandra Watson, President and CEO, Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA), distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Commerce Authority, An Overview" (Attachment I) as well as a handout entitled "Update on ACA Actions In Response to September 2023 Performance Audit" (Attachment J). Ms. Watson played a video on the ACA's role in bringing Lucid Motors to Arizona. Ms. Watson answered questions posed by the Committee.

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At 12:15 p.m. the Chairman recessed the meeting to the sound of the gavel.

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At 3:33 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Response by the Arizona Commerce Authority (continued)

Ms. Watson answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

Greg Blackie, Arizona Free Enterprise Club, testified against the continuation of the Arizona Commerce Authority.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to revise or consolidate the Arizona Commerce Authority. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 4-3-1 (Attachment 6).

Senators Sundareshan, Mendez, Wadsack, Shamp, Rogers and Hoffman explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF ARIZONA

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE BOILER ADVISORY BOARD

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW BOARD

Presentation by the Industrial Commission of Arizona

Gaetano Testini, Executive Deputy Director, Industrial Commission of Arizona, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Industrial Commission of Arizona" (Attachment K) and explained the function and purpose of the Industrial

Commission of Arizona, the Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee, the Boiler Advisory Board, and the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board. Mr. Testini also distributed a booklet entitled "The Industrial Commission of Arizona and Related Advisory/Review Boards, Review of Sunset Factors, 2023" (Attachment L). Mr. Testini answered questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Industrial Commission of Arizona, the Boiler Advisory Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee and the Occupational Safety and Health Review Board for 2 years until July 1, 2026.

Senator Hoffman offered comments.

The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 7).

Senators Mendez, Shamp, Sundareshan and Rogers explained their vote.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Miguel Caro Mateus, Performance Audit Manager, Office of the Auditor General, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Administration, Performance Audit and Sunset Review" (Attachment M) and explained the findings from the Auditor General's Sunset Review. Mr. Caro Mateus answered questions posed by the Committee.

Response by the Arizona Department of Administration

Elizabeth Alvarado Thorson, Executive Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Administration, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Department of Administration, Sunset Hearing Presentation" (Attachment N) and explained the purpose and function of the Arizona Department of Administration.

Public Testimony

No public testimony took place.

Discussion and Recommendations

Senator Rogers moved that the Senate Government Committee of Reference make the recommendation to continue the Arizona Department of Administration for 2 years until July 1, 2026. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 8).

Senators Farnsworth, Mendez, Shamp, Sundareshan, Rogers and Hoffman explained their vote.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment O).

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment P).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackson Cooper
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)



Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

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MMIP Coordinator

GOTR

Key Statutory Requirements:

- A.R.S. § 41-2051 and 41-2052 Tribal Consultation and providing support to state agencies
- A.R.S. § 41-2053 Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day
- A.R.S. § 41-2054 Arizona Indian Town Hall

Tribal Consultation

A.R.S. § 41-2051

- Assist state agencies in implementing Tribal consultation and outreach activities.
- Develop and implement Tribal consultation policies to guide the agency's work and interaction with Tribal Nations.
- Integrate the input generated from Tribal consultation into agencies' decision-making processes to improve government operations and efficiency.

2023 Agency Tribal Liaison Meeting



Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day

A.R.S. § 41-2053

- In collaboration with Tribes, GOTR annually facilitates Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day each legislative session.
- This convening brings more than 500 Tribal leaders, stakeholders, and community members together from across the state.
- This offers a direct opportunity for legislative leaders to hear from Tribal leaders on issues of mutual concern.

2023 Town Hall, A.R.S. 41-2054 Tourism and Economic Development



Broadband Efforts





gotr.azgovernor.gov

CRYSTALYNE CURLEY
SPEAKER



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
NAVAJO NATION

OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

January 17, 2024

The Honorable Jake Hoffman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Government
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Governor's Office on Tribal Relations Sunset Review

Dear Senator Hoffman,

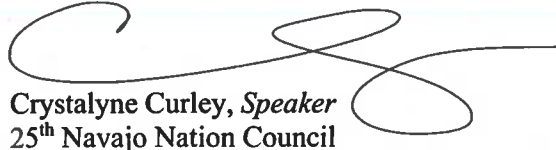
On behalf of the 25th Navajo Nation Council, I write this letter in support for the continuation of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations. The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations (GOTR) was established to assist the State and its agencies in its coordination and engagement with the 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona. As the governing body of the Navajo Nation, we fully support the continuation of this office and understand the important role that it plays in maintaining and elevating relations between Tribal Nations and the State of Arizona.

The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations was first created in 1953 by the 21st Legislature as the Arizona Commission on Indian Affairs to "consider and study conditions" among Tribal communities in the State. In 1986, the Commission was designated to serve as liaison for the State to Tribal Nations. The Commission assisted and supported state and federal agencies in developing mutual goals.

In 2016, the Commission was changed to the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations by the 52nd Legislature. The office continues to assist and support the State in its coordination and work with Tribal Nations. It assists state agencies in implementing tribal consultation and outreach activities, and promotes increased participation by Indigenous people in local and state affairs.

I respectfully request your support for the continuation of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations. If you have any questions, please contact me at (928) 871-7160.

Sincerely,



Crystalyne Curley, *Speaker*
25th Navajo Nation Council

cc: The Honorable Warren Petersen, *President of the Senate*
The Honorable Ben Toma, *Speaker of the House*
Governor's Office on Tribal Relations



DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO

Office of the President

January 16, 2024

The Honorable Jake Hoffman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Government
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON TRIBAL RELATIONS SUNSET REVIEW

Dear Senator Hoffman,

On behalf of Diné College, I write this letter of recommendation in support for the continuation of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations (GOTR).

Diné College, situated on the Navajo Nation spanning across the states of Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah, embodies a commitment to providing accessible and culturally relevant education primarily to the Navajo people and neighboring communities. With a mission centered on academic excellence, cultural preservation, and holistic development, Diné College seeks to empower individuals to contribute meaningfully to their communities. Diné College and the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations share a commitment to fostering collaboration and understanding between state governments and tribal nations.

The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations was established to assist the State and its agencies in its coordination and engagement with the 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona.

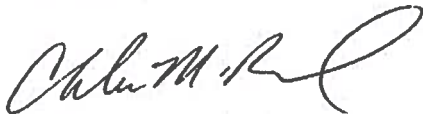
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In 2016 the Commission was changed to the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations by the 52nd Legislature. The office continues to assist and support the State in its coordination and work with tribes. It assists state agencies in implementing tribal consultation and outreach activities, and promotes increased participation by Indigenous people in local and state affairs.

Through education and cultural preservation, Diné College contributes to the broader goals of the Governor's Office of Tribal Relations, working towards the betterment of tribal communities and the promotion of collaboration between the state and tribal entities.

I respectfully request your support for the continuation of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. If you have any questions, please contact me at officeofthepresident@dinecollege.edu.

Sincerely,



Dr. Charles M. Roessel
President
Diné College

cc: The Honorable Warren Petersen, *President of the Senate*
The Honorable Ben Toma, *Speaker of the House*
Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN



January 15, 2024

The Honorable Jake Hoffman
Chairman, Senate Committee on Government
Arizona State Senate
1700 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ON TRIBAL RELATIONS SUNSET REVIEW

Dear Senator Hoffman,

On behalf of Pascua Yaqui Tribe, I write this letter of recommendation in support for the continuation of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations.

The Pascua Yaqui Tribe values the importance of fostering positive relationships between the state and its Pascua Yaqui communities. The continuation of this office is crucial for the well-being and prosperity of both.

The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations (GOTR) was established to assist the State and its agencies in its coordination and engagement with the 22 federally recognized tribes in Arizona. Over the years, the GOTR has played a pivotal role in promoting understanding, cooperation, and collaboration between the state government and Tribal nations. The office has demonstrated a commitment to addressing the unique needs and concerns of Arizona's diverse Tribal communities, working toward a more inclusive and equitable future for all residents.

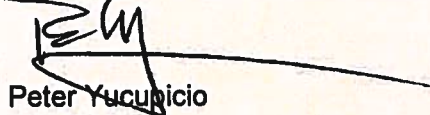
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GOTR serves as a bridge between the state government and Tribal nations, facilitating communication, fostering partnerships, and ensuring that the interests of Tribal communities are heard and respected in policymaking decisions. One such recent example of GOTR efforts to improve the state-tribal partnership is the annual Tribes Legislative Day, where the Pascua Yaqui Tribe can bring discussions to the state on issues of common interest.

I respectfully request your support for the continuation of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. If you have any questions, please contact our Attorney General Alfred Urbina at 520-883-5101.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Yucupicio', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Peter Yucupicio
Chairman
Pascua Yaqui Tribe

cc: The Honorable Warren Petersen, *President of the Senate*
The Honorable Ben Toma, *Speaker of the House*
Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRWOMAN

Verlon M. Jose
CHAIRMAN



Carla L. Johnson
VICE CHAIRWOMAN

Re: Tohono O'odham Nation Support for the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

January 16, 2024

Dear Honorable Senate Government Committee of Reference Members:

On behalf of the Tohono O'odham Nation, I respectfully request that you provide your ongoing support to the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations. This Office plays a vital role in addressing tribal issues that directly impact the State of Arizona. Not only are Arizona tribes' stakeholders, with a vested interest in the success of our State, the tribes are uniquely situated to play an integral role in the promotion and implementation of directives that promote such success.

The Tohono O'odham Nation consists of nearly 37,000 enrolled tribal citizens, the vast majority of whom live in Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa Counties. Our lands cover 2.8 million acres, almost the size of the State of Connecticut, located within the State of Arizona – including a 62-mile border with Mexico. The Nation is also a gaming tribe with facilities in Maricopa and Pima Counties. The Nation's financial partnership with the State serves the interests of all Arizonans, including members of our Tribe. In short, there are many complex issues that drive State/Tribal relations in Arizona. The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations has been instrumental in helping to navigate these issues and promoting mutually beneficial outcomes. The Nation supports and appreciates the work of the Office and hopes that it can continue.

Since 2023, the Office on Tribal Relations has supported initiatives to increase economic activity in the state through targeted outreach efforts to tribal nations. Due in large part to the increased communication between the state and tribal nations, the Office has assisted in effectively addressing issues affecting these communities. While much work has been done, there is still increased collaboration that needs to occur to best serve the state of Arizona and the twenty-two tribes and nations. The Office on Tribal Relations is uniquely positioned to assist tribes in this state and further the ongoing progress and partnership between the state and tribes throughout Arizona.

Together We Are Stronger

TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRWOMAN

Verlon M. Jose
CHAIRMAN



Carla L. Johnson
VICE CHAIRWOMAN

As Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation, I recognize the many challenges you all face in leading the state of Arizona. I sincerely appreciate the work you all do and thank you for your consideration of this important issue. I urge the Committee to support the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations and continue this vital office dedicated to strengthening the state of Arizona through increased tribal outreach and consultation.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Verlon Jose".

Verlon Jose, Chairman
Tohono O'odham Nation

Together We Are Stronger



Inter Tribal Association of Arizona

21 TRIBAL NATIONS

January 16, 2024

The Honorable Timothy Dunn, Chairman
Government Committee
Arizona House of Representatives
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Honorable Jake Hoffman, Chairman
Government Committee
Arizona Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Reauthorization of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations

Dear Chairman Dunn and Chairman Hoffman:

The State of Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribal nations which contribute greatly to the overall economy, as well as, the health, welfare and safety of ALL Arizona citizens. Additionally, tribal nations in Arizona control nearly 30% of Arizona's land base and therefore have a number of tribal and state interests that are shared and can be supported through a strong government-to-government relationship. With that said, it has come to our attention that the House and Senate Government Committees are conducting a Sunset Review of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations.

On behalf of the 21 Member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona, we would like to express our strong support for the continuation of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations as they undergo a Sunset Review.

The Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA), an association of 21 tribal governments in Arizona, provides a forum for tribal governments to advocate for national, state and specific tribal concerns and to join in united action to address these issues. Our membership governing council is composed of the highest elected tribal officials of 21 Tribes in Arizona.

ITAA and the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations have a long history of working together to strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the State of Arizona and Tribes. ITAA and the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations collaborate annually to coordinate the Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. This event provides a critical forum for Tribal Leaders, tribal members, and the State Legislature to strengthen relationships through the showcasing of tribal activities, discussions on critical issues, and workshops designed to educate State Legislators on tribal issues and the State's roles and responsibilities to Tribes.

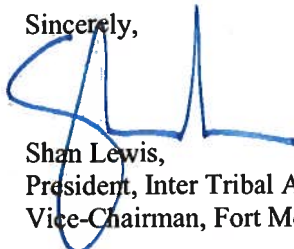
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In addition, the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations and ITAA coordinate a number of additional meetings between Tribal Leaders and State officials throughout the year, including a Governor's roundtable meeting, which allows Tribal Leaders to meet face-to-face with the Governor. These meetings provide a forum for the Governor and Tribal Leaders to share priority issues and discuss how the State and Tribes can work together to address challenges. Over the years, the Governor's roundtable has highlighted several important issues, including tribal water rights and the State's drought conditions. As a result, several action items and joint initiatives were identified. The Governor has committed to meeting with Tribal Leaders on a consistent basis.

Finally, the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations has established tribal liaisons within each state agency, which ITAA, Member Tribes, and the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations have fully utilized as the first point of contact between Tribes and the State. The State liaisons have been particularly helpful in the preparation of grant applications and working on public safety issues, broadband infrastructure development, health issues, and other issues of importance to Tribes in Arizona.

ITAA recognizes the need for continual tribal and State collaboration and appreciates the work of the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations. The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations is a vital point of contact and resource for State-Tribal communication and collaboration. ITAA requests that the aforementioned relationship and the services that the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations provides for Tribes and the State, be taken under serious consideration for a favorable Sunset Review. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Maria Dadgar Executive Director, Inter Tribal Association of Arizona at (602) 258-4822 or Maria.Dadgar@itaa-az.org or ITAA Legislative Advocate, Mr. Jay Tomkus at Jay@CCArizona.com or (602) 790-0153.

Sincerely,



Shan Lewis,
President, Inter Tribal Association of Arizona
Vice-Chairman, Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

Cc: Jason Chavez
Director of Tribal Affairs



Arizona State Legislature

1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

June 22, 2023

Director Jason Chavez
Governor's Office of Tribal Relations
1700 W. Washington St., Suite 235
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Director Jason Chavez:

The sunset review process prescribed in Title 41, Chapter 27, Arizona Revised Statutes, provides a system for the Legislature to evaluate the need to continue the existence of state agencies. During the sunset review process, an agency is reviewed by legislative committees of reference (CORs). On completion of the sunset review, the CORs recommend to continue, revise, consolidate or terminate the agency.

The Joint Legislative Audit Committee has assigned the sunset review of the Governor's Office of Tribal Relations to the CORs comprised of members of the Senate Government Committee and the House of Representatives Government Committee.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2954, the COR is required to consider certain sunset factors in deciding whether to recommend continuance, modification or termination of an agency. Please provide your agency's response to the factors listed below:

1. The key statutory objectives and purposes in establishing the agency.
2. The agency's effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling its key statutory objectives and purposes.
3. The extent to which the agency's key statutory objectives and purposes duplicate the objectives and purposes of other governmental agencies or private enterprises.
4. The extent to which rules adopted by the agency are consistent with the legislative mandate.
5. The extent to which the agency has provided appropriate public access to records, meetings and rulemakings, including soliciting public input in making rules and decisions.
6. The extent to which the agency timely investigated and resolved complaints that are within its jurisdiction.
7. The extent to which the level of regulation exercised by the agency is appropriate as compared to other states or best practices, or both.
8. The extent to which the agency has established safeguards against possible conflicts of interest.
9. The extent to which changes are necessary for the agency to more efficiently and effectively fulfill its key statutory objectives and purposes or to eliminate statutory responsibilities that are no longer necessary.
10. The extent to which the termination of the agency would significantly affect the public health, safety or welfare.

Additionally, please provide written responses to the following:

1. The extent to which the agency potentially creates unexpected negative consequences that may require additional review by the COR, including increasing the price of goods, affecting the availability of services, limiting the abilities of individuals and businesses to operate efficiently and increasing the cost of government.
2. The extent to which the agency has addressed deficiencies in its enabling statutes.
3. The extent to which the agency has determined whether the Attorney General or any other agency in Arizona has the authority to prosecute or initiate actions.
4. The consequences of eliminating the agency or consolidating it with another agency.

Additionally, statute requires the COR to consider certain factors for each agency that administers an *occupational regulation*, which is defined as: 1) a statute, rule, practice, policy or other state law that allows an individual to use an occupational title or work in a lawful occupation; and 2) a government registration, government certification and occupational or professional license. An *occupational regulation* does not include a business license, facility license, building permit or zoning and land use regulation, except to the extent those state laws regulate an individual's personal qualification to perform a lawful occupation. If your agency falls under this category, please provide written responses to the following:

1. The extent to which the occupational regulation meets the requirements of A.R.S. § 41-3502.
2. The extent to which the failure to regulate a profession or occupation will result in:
 - a. the loss of insurance.
 - b. an impact to the ability to practice in other states or as required by federal law.
 - c. an impact to the required licensure or registration with the federal government.
 - d. the loss of constitutionally afforded practices.

Your response should be received by September 1, so that we may proceed with the sunset review and schedule the required public hearing. Please submit the requested information to:

Anna Nguyen
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Thank you for your time and cooperation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (602) 926-3292 or Anna Nguyen, the Senate Government Research Analyst, at (602) 926-3171.

Sincerely,

Senator Jake Hoffman
Senate Government Committee, Chair

cc: Timothy M Dunn, House Government Committee, Chair
Frank Komadina, House Government Committee, Analyst



STATE OF ARIZONA
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

August 31, 2023

Ms. Anna Nguyen
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Ms. Nguyen:

In response to the Senate's June 22, 2023 letter, the Governor's Office respectfully submits the requested information for the Office on Tribal Relations ("Office"):

1. The key statutory objectives and purposes in establishing the agency.

The Governor's Office on Tribal Relations was established by the adoption of A.R.S. § 41-2051 by the 52nd Legislature to assist state agencies in implementing tribal consultation and outreach activities.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2052 the Office may:

1. Apply for, accept, receive and spend public and private gifts or grants of monies and property on the terms and conditions as may be imposed by the donor and for the implementation of internal operations and forums for American Indian people to impart their knowledge on statewide issues.
2. Accept, receive and spend fees collected at the Arizona Indian town hall to defer expenses for the Arizona Indian town hall.
3. Assist in evaluation, consolidating and coordinating activities relating to the education of American Indian students.
4. Serve as an informational clearinghouse and provide training on cross-cultural situations.
5. Receive annual notice from the director of the state museum on the discovery of American Indian human remains, funerary objects, sacred ceremonial objects or objects of cultural patrimony.
6. Promote increased participation by American Indians in local and state affairs.
7. Work in conjunction with state agencies involved in economic development to design and initiate programs to stimulate economic growth of the American Indian population, including minority-owned and women-owned businesses.
8. Establish an executive committee or other committees, as necessary.

Additionally, statute requires that the Office hosts two distinct events that enable the state and tribes to address issues of mutual concern on a regular and proactive basis: Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day and the Arizona Indian Town Hall.

2. The agency's effectiveness and efficiency in fulfilling its key statutory objectives and purposes.

The Office fulfills its key statutory objectives and purposes in three primary ways:

- Assisting state agencies with the development and implementation of tribal consultation and outreach activities.
- Supporting initiatives on tribal land at the request and approval of the tribal nation.
- Facilitating meetings between the State and tribal leaders of the twenty-two tribal nations and communities in the state.

Since January 2023, the Office has received requests from the following state agencies for assistance with their tribal consultation and outreach efforts: Arizona Commerce Authority; Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS); Department of Economic Security; Department of Gaming; Department of Health Services; Department of Housing; and the Department of Transportation.

Additionally, the Office has supported initiatives to increase economic activity in the state through targeted outreach efforts to tribal nations around planning for federal programs such as the Mega Grant Program; Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program; and the Digital Equity Program. As a result, state agencies are well prepared to offer competitive applications for federal funding to support infrastructure projects in the State.

This year the Office has facilitated meetings between the State and tribal leaders from the Ak-Chin Indian Community; Cocopah Indian Tribe; Colorado River Indian Tribes; Fort Yuma Quechan Tribe; Gila River Indian Community; Hopi Tribe; Hualapai Tribe; Navajo Nation; Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community; San Carlos Apache Tribe; San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe; Tohono O'odham Nation; White Mountain Apache Tribe; and the Yavapai Apache Nation.

Given the amount of collaboration and communication required between the State and the twenty-two Tribes and Nations, the Office has increased the number of staff from one full-time employee to five full-time employees. This has enabled the Office to more effectively address issues that affect tribal communities such as taxation, gaming, natural resources, health care, water rights, infrastructure, economic development, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis.

3. The extent to which the agency's key statutory objectives and purposes duplicate the objectives and purposes of other governmental agencies or private enterprises.

The Office is the only state agency with the ability and mandate to promote and foster communication and interaction between the State and the twenty-two sovereign tribal nations on a broad government-to-government level. No private enterprise is engaged in this scope of work.

4. The extent to which rules adopted by the agency are consistent with the legislative mandate.

The Office has not adopted any formal rules.

5. The extent to which the agency has provided appropriate public access to records, meetings and rulemakings, including soliciting public input in making rules and decisions.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-2052, the Office prepares an annual report that summarizes each state agency's tribal consultation progress and that details the progress and challenges that the state agencies have experienced in implementing tribal consultation policies. This annual report is made available to tribal leaders and legislators during the joint session held on Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day. The Office follows all statutory requirements for public records requests and open meetings.

6. The extent to which the agency timely investigated and resolved complaints that are within its jurisdiction.

The Office does not have the authority to operate as a regulatory agency and does not have jurisdiction to investigate or resolve complaints.

7. The extent to which the level of regulation exercised by the agency is appropriate as compared to other states or best practices, or both.

Pursuant to the enabling statute, the Office does not have the authority to operate as a regulatory agency.

8. The extent to which the agency has established safeguards against possible conflicts of interest.

The Office ensures that all employees are aware of Arizona's disclosure conflict of interest laws and would enact appropriate screening mechanisms should any conflict be identified. All employees must take an annual ethics and conflict of interest training.

9. The extent to which changes are necessary for the agency to more efficiently and effectively fulfill its key statutory objectives and purposes or to eliminate statutory responsibilities that are no longer necessary.

The Office does not recommend any changes at this time.

10. The extent to which the termination of the agency would significantly affect the public health, safety or welfare.

The Office is the only state agency with the ability to promote and foster communication and interaction between the state and the twenty-two sovereign tribal nations on a broad government-to-government level.

Arizona has the third-largest Native American population nationally, and has more tribal land (over 19 million acres) than any other state. In fact, tribal lands comprise more than 25 percent of Arizona's total land mass. Given the significant American Indian population and surrounding tribal lands, the purpose and role of the Office is of high importance to both the State and tribal nations.

Jurisdictional issues involving taxation, gaming, natural resources, water rights, and economic development efforts make communication among the State, Tribes, and Nations of paramount importance.

Additionally, you requested the following information:

1. The extent to which the agency potentially creates unexpected negative consequences that may require additional review by the COR, including increasing the price of goods, affecting the availability of services, limiting the abilities of individuals and businesses to operate efficiently and increasing the cost of government.

The Office has not created unexpected negative consequences and does not participate in projects that would increase costs or impede efficiency.

2. The extent to which the agency has addressed deficiencies in its enabling statutes.

To the Office's knowledge, there are no deficiencies.

3. The extent to which the agency has determined whether the Attorney General or any other agency in Arizona has the authority to prosecute or initiate actions.

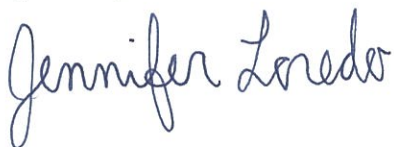
The Office has not made any determinations, nor does the Office have the authority to operate as an enforcement or regulatory agency.

4. The consequences of eliminating the agency or consolidating it with another agency.

It is in the best interest of the State to maintain a sole office dedicated to tribal relations due to the size of the State's American Indian population and tribal land base. The Office is the only state agency with the ability to promote and foster communication and interaction between the State and the twenty-two sovereign tribal nations on a broad government-to-government level. Consolidation into another agency would negatively affect the State's established relationships with tribal nations and would result in public backlash from tribes and tribal organizations.

If there are further questions, I can be reached at JLoredo@az.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Loredo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Loredo
Deputy Chief of Staff of Policy, Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs