



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1232

Introduced by: **Representative** Pourier

1 **An Act to establish principles for a state agency to consider when formulating or**
 2 **implementing a policy or rule that has direct tribal implications.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That a NEW SECTION be added to chapter 1-54:**

5 When formulating or implementing any policy or administrative rules that have
 6 direct tribal implications, a state agency shall document its consideration of the following
 7 principles:

8 (1) Commitment to cooperation and collaboration between the agency and the Indian
 9 Tribes;

10 (2) Understanding of and respect for the Indian tribes as sovereign nations and the
 11 government-to-government relationship between the state and each tribe;

12 (3) Regular and early communication with tribal officials;

13 (4) Accountability when addressing issues raised by tribal officials regarding the policy
 14 or rules; and

15 (5) Preservation of the tribal-state relationship.