

LC 413: Collection and Protection of Tribal Affiliation Data for the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon use

In honoring the government to government relationship between the state of Oregon and the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes of Oregon, OHA in partnership with tribal representatives have discussed the importance of collecting Tribal Affiliation Data. Utilizing the Race, Ethnicity, Language, Disability (REALD) model (it would become RELDT, T for Tribal Affiliation).

The Nine Tribes of Oregon should have their own data for the purpose of improving health in tribal communities; for example, public health data, behavioral health data, Medicaid data, etc. This would be tribal data that would belong to each individual tribe.

Updating the current REALD statute is needed to authorize the collection of tribal specific data, with confidentiality protections, honoring tribal sovereignty. This not only allows tribal questions to be a part of REALD data collection standards, it allows OHA to include a provision that states OHA will protect the data and provide the data stewardship needed to only release data as agreed upon by the tribe who has the ownership of the data with a signed data sharing agreement with the receiver. Data governance policies and procedures would need to be developed and in place before the data is collected.

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