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STATE-TRIBAL RELATIONS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

PIERRE – The State-Tribal Relations Interim Legislative Committee, chaired by Representative Shawn Bordeaux (D-Mission), will hold its third meeting of the 2020 interim on Thursday September 24, 2020, beginning at 1 p.m. (CT). The meeting is being conducted via electronic conference with limited physical access in Room 413 of the State Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota. In accordance with COVID-19 guidance, in-person attendees should be spaced at least six feet apart and are encouraged to wear cloth face coverings. Live audio of the meeting will be available at <http://www.sd.net>.

The committee is an ongoing statutory committee created in 1993 by SDCL sections 2-6-20 to 2-6-23, inclusive, as a part of the state's reconciliation efforts. The statute directs the committee to make a continuing study of the relations between the state and its political subdivisions and the tribes and their tribal governments.

At the meeting, the committee will discuss and hear testimony on various tribal issues, including the effects of Lake Andes flooding, unemployment, education, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. There is also time reserved for public testimony. The full agenda can be viewed [online](#).

In addition to Representative Bordeaux, committee members include Representatives Steven Haugaard (R-Sioux Falls), Peri Pourier (D-Pine Ridge), Tony Randolph (R-Rapid City), and Tamara St. John (R-Sisseton); and Senators Red Dawn Foster (D-Pine Ridge), Troy Heinert (D-Mission), Phil Jensen (R-Rapid City), Lance Russell (R-Hot Springs), and VJ Smith (R-Brookings).

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This meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Any individual needing assistance, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, should contact the Legislative Research Council (605-773-3251) in advance of the meeting to make further arrangements.

All committee agendas, minutes, and audio are available on the LRC website: <http://www.sdlegislature.gov/>. Live committee audio is provided by South Dakota Public Broadcasting and is also available at <http://www.sd.net>. You may subscribe to electronic delivery of agendas and minutes at My LRC on the LRC website.