



Today, many parts of the state's tribal affairs framework exist through executive orders and agency policies rather than clearly in statute, and consultation practices can vary from one agency to another. AB 2507 helps bring greater clarity and consistency by codifying the Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs, clarifying tribal liaison roles, and establishing a Tribal Advisory Committee. This bill helps ensure California's engagement with Tribal governments is structured, transparent, and consistent moving forward.

This bill is sponsored by Wilton Rancheria and supported by other tribal nations and the California Tribal Business Alliance.

- 2) **Governor's Tribal Advisor.** Governor Brown issued EO B-10-11 in 2011, which established the Governor's Office of the Tribal Advisor and required all state agencies to encourage early consideration, communication, and consultation with tribes when developing legislation, guidelines, regulations, rules, or policies on matters that affect tribes and their communities. AB 880 (Gray), Chapter 801, Statutes of 2018, codified the office and Tribal Advisor position within the Governor's office. This bill renames the office and position to the OTA and Secretary of Tribal Affairs, respectively, prescribes the OTA's duties and responsibilities, codifies the requirement for each applicable state agency to have a tribal liaison and adopt a tribal consultation policy, and establishes a Tribal Advisory Committee to advise the OTA.

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