

Assembly Bill No. 2261

CHAPTER 102

An act to add Chapter 18 (commencing with Section 2702) to Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2261, Garcia. Transportation: federal funding: tribes.

Existing law provides for the use and allocation of various federal transportation funding sources, including, but not limited to, the Federal-Aid Secondary Highways Act, the Federal-Aid Combined Road Plan Act, and the Federal Aid for Safer Off-System Roads Act.

This bill would, to the extent permitted by federal and state law, require a federally recognized Native American tribe to be eligible for federal funding for a transportation project and authorize the tribe to be the lead agency for a transportation project that receives federal funding.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Digest Key

Vote: 2/3 Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

Bill Text

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 18 (commencing with Section 2702) is added to Division 3 of the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

CHAPTER 18. Federal Aid for Tribes

2702. To the extent permitted by federal and state law, a federally recognized Native American tribe shall be eligible for federal funding for a transportation project and may be the lead agency for a transportation project that receives federal funding.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the California Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians is embarking on a series of transportation improvement projects, including safety projects. Providing opportunity for federally recognized tribes to receive independent transportation funding is essential to the success of critical projects and will help ensure the timely delivery of transportation safety projects.