

SB 835: Collecting Tribal Affiliation Data

Collecting Oregon Tribal Specific Affiliation Data as part of Race, Ethnicity, Language, Disability (REALD) and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) efforts, with data confidentiality protections honoring tribal sovereignty, will help the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon improve their members' health.

Collecting Data and Honoring Government-to-Government Relations

OHA values and honors its government-to-government relationship with the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon. Working in partnership with tribal representatives, OHA has been asked to start collecting Oregon Tribal Specific Affiliation Data for the purpose of improving health in tribal communities.

The Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon do not currently have their own health data (such as public health data, behavioral health data, and Medicaid data) for the purpose of improving health in tribal communities. Prior to the collection of tribal specific data, OHA and Tribes will need to establish confidentiality protections, data governance agreements, and data sovereignty policies/processes.

OHA acknowledges that Federally Recognized Tribes are sovereign nations and as such may decide whether to enter into respective data agreements.

Better Tribal Data Will Enable Better Tribal Health

To facilitate better data sharing between OHA and Tribes, this legislation will:

- Authorize OHA to establish data use, data sharing, and confidentiality agreements with the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon to collect tribal specific data. This tribal data would belong to each individual tribe.
- Provide for data governance and data sovereignty policies and processes to be developed prior to data collection.
- Direct that collection of Oregon Tribal Specific Data will be conducted using OHA REALD & SOGI standards, which would become REALDT (with the "T" for

Tribal Affiliation), and would limit release of such data per agreements with a specific Tribe.

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