

Bill No.: SF0018 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**

LSO No.: **24LSO-0281**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0026

Chapter No.: 57

Prime Sponsor: Select Committee on Tribal Relations

Catch Title: **Indian child welfare act-safe haven amendments.**

Has Report: No

Subject: Indian Child Welfare Act and safe haven statutes.

Summary/Major Elements:

- Wyoming's safe haven statutes allow a parent or parent's designee to relinquish a newborn child to the custody of the state.
- This bill amends the safe haven statutes to require that a safe haven provider ask a parent or parent's designee whether the newborn child has any tribal affiliation or Native American ancestry and request relevant information to determine the child's tribe. The bill further requires courts and any applicable parties to comply with the Wyoming Indian Child Welfare Act when determining the placement of a child.

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