



# The Council

In 2019, the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee voted unanimously to allow the permanent display of tribal flags representing unity and honor of the sovereign nations in the Memorial Hall at the Capitol.

## Protection and Victim Services Committee

The Protection and Victim Services Committee held its third meeting of the interim on May 13. The committee received information regarding the economic impact of adverse childhood experiences and opportunities to prevent the accumulation of adverse childhood experiences through the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program. Legislative Council staff presented information related to AI and child sexual exploitation, and the committee received information from the Bureau of Criminal Investigation regarding child exploitation crimes involving AI. The Bureau of Criminal Investigation indicated AI is complicating the increasing number of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) cases and emphasized the lasting impact CSAM has on victims. The committee requested legislative proposals to use the federal MIECHV funding match and to require education on the long-term impacts of CSAM for members of the judiciary system. The committee also discussed a bill draft to update references to CSAM in Century Code.

The committee received information from the Legislative Council staff regarding the criminalization of child sex dolls and child sexual grooming, including how other states have regulated these behaviors. A prosecutor and defense attorney provided testimony regarding the criminalization of grooming and how their experience may inform a legislative proposal. The committee requested legislative proposals to criminalize child sex dolls and child sexual grooming practices.

The committee received testimony from the 31:8 Project and Youthworks on the development of human trafficking education curriculum in accordance with Senate Bill No. 2330 (2025). Upon approval of the curriculum by the Attorney General's office, students in grades 6, 10, and 12 will receive human trafficking education during the 2026-27 school year. The committee also received additional information from the 31:8 Project on human trafficking policy considerations, including use of the Demand Reduction Program.

## Tribal and State Relations Committee

The Tribal and State Relations Committee held its fourth meeting of the interim on May 13 and met with the Spirit Lake Tribe. The committee received information from Chairwoman Lonna Jackson-Street and members of the tribal council regarding the tribe and tribal-state issues.

The committee also received information from a representative of Benson County regarding county taxation issues related to taxation of land owned by enrolled tribal members. The committee received information from a representative of Cankdeska Cikana Community College regarding an overview of the college.

The committee received information from the Department of Health and Human Services regarding Section 1115 institutions for mental diseases Medicaid waivers and the cost of applying for the waiver. The committee also received information from a representative of NorthStar Behavioral Health Advisory regarding the impacts of institutions for mental diseases waivers. The committee received a report from the Tourism and Marketing Division of the Department of Commerce regarding the distribution, use, and impact of tribal tourism grants.

## Upcoming Meetings

### May

**27** Human Services

### June

**2** Energy Development and Transmission

**3** Higher Education Funding Review

**10** Water Topics Overview

Legislative Procedure and Arrangements

**11** Administrative Rules

**17** Agriculture and Water Management

Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review

**24** Budget Section