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**SUBJECT:** *2SHB 1745: Improving Diversity in Clinical Trials*

Dear Honorable Tribal Leaders & Tribal Partners:

We are writing today to provide information about the recently passed [Second Substitute House Bill 1745: Improving Diversity in Clinical Trials \(2SHB 1745\)](#) and the opportunity to contribute to a report the Washington State Department of Health is drafting at the request of the Washington State Legislature.

The Washington State Legislature passed 2SHB 1745 to increase participation of underrepresented demographic groups and populations in clinical trials of drugs and medical devices in Washington State. The bill requires the Department of Health to report to the legislature by December 1, 2023, identifying: (1) demographic groups and populations underrepresented in clinical trials in Washington State, (2) barriers to participation in clinical trials, and (3) approaches for clinical trials to partner with community-based organizations and others to conduct outreach to underrepresented communities.

We appreciate your input and invite comments, thoughts, recommendations, or considerations you would like us to include in our report. Please submit to Policy Analyst, Anna Kelsey, at [anna.kelsey@doh.wa.gov](mailto:anna.kelsey@doh.wa.gov) or 360-628-7483 **by September 29, 2023**. Or for tribal related matters please contact Tribal Policy Director, Candice Wilson, at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or 360-819-7626.

Sincerely,

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