



# Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

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July 23, 2025

Dear Chair Bogner and Legislative Council:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 29 (SJ 29) requested that an interim committee examine how the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Office of Public Instruction can best coordinate their efforts to address the health and learning needs of children who had prenatal exposure to methamphetamine and fentanyl. The Legislative Council assigned this study and five others to the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Committee (CFHHS).

At its organizational meeting on July 8, CFHHS considered this study alongside the other five studies assigned by council. Members of CFHHS agree on the importance of addressing the matters outlined in SJ 29, but noted that the preamble of the resolution references the State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee and its role supporting state-tribal government relations. As legislators, we wish to honor the intent of the study resolution's sponsor, Senator Jonathan Windy Boy (SD 16). If his intent is that the State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee conduct this study, we ask that SJ 29 be reassigned to that committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217(3), MCA.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

*Jodee Etchart*

Representative, HD 51

Chair of the Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee

CC: Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy