

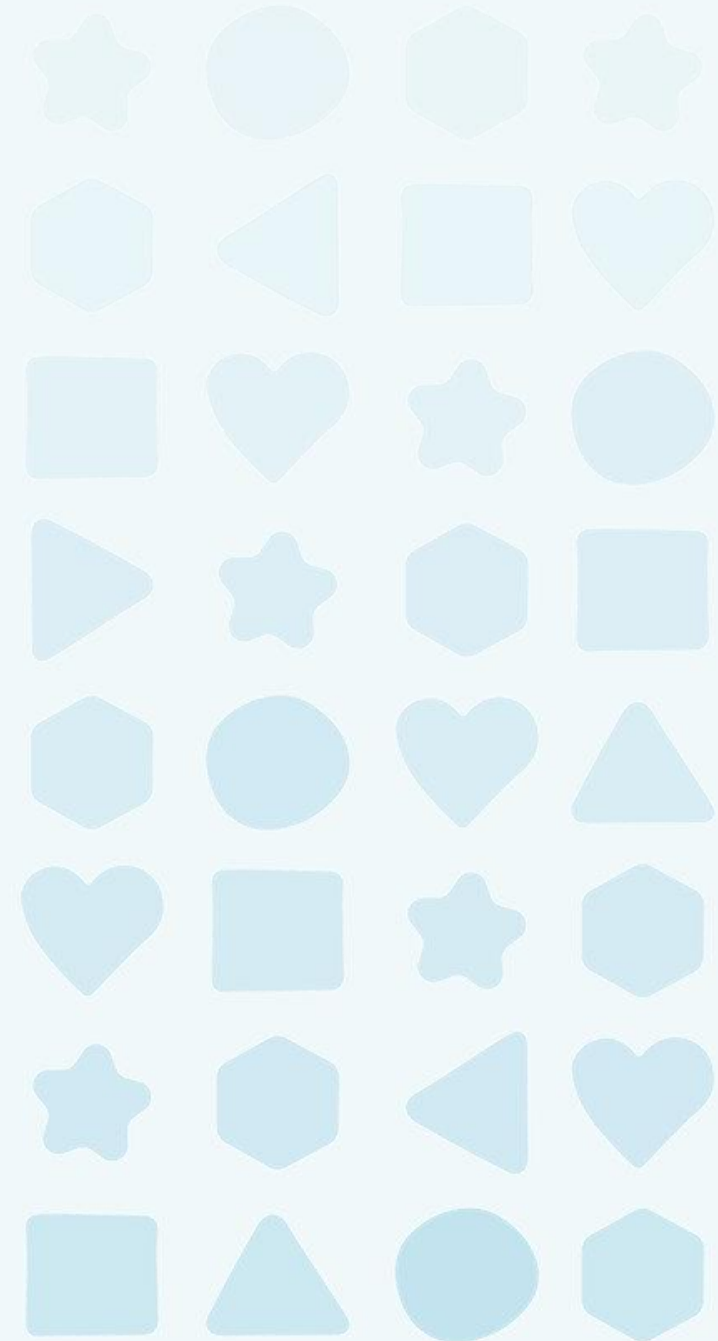


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Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance

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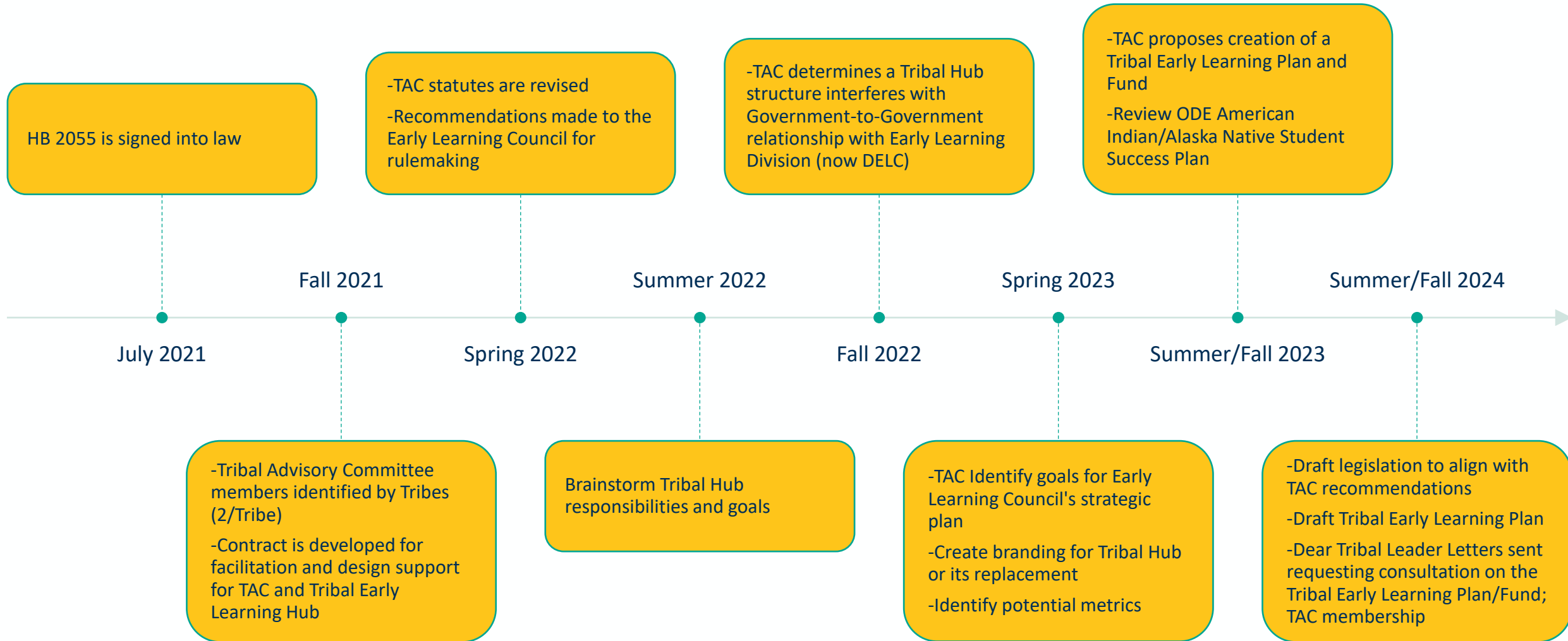
- Single point of contact for Tribal issues
 - Briefs and educates DELC agency units and staff on Tribal affairs business, policies, and best practices.
 - Training and professional growth for DELC leaders, personnel, and partners
- Director serves as an advisor to the Early Learning System Director and Executive Leadership Team to center Tribal voice in the work of DELC and honor the government-to-government consultative approach.
- Tribal Consultation and Communication policy & process is under development
 - Establish and implement an effective policy for government-to-government consultation and communication that benefits Tribal communities and honors Tribal sovereignty and Tribal self-determination

History of State-Offered Early Learning Funding for Tribes



- Original pilot for Preschool Promise limited to Early Learning Hubs
 - Required Tribes to partner with their local Hub or Hubs to access funding
- No dedicated, flexible resource for Tribes to utilize to address identified early learning goals
- No consistent approach to working with Tribes within the Early Learning Division

Tribal Advisory Committee Work



Tribal Advisory Committee Recommendations



- 1** The Tribal Advisory Committee becomes the Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance (OTELA) to meet the goals of the nine federally recognized Tribes within Oregon's borders without interfering with the Government-to-Government relationship with DELC.
- 2** Creation of a Tribal Early Learning Hub would be replaced with establishment of a Tribal Early Learning Plan and a Tribal Early Learning Fund, in which allowable uses would include but not be limited to language and culture revitalization, professional development, and staff compensation.
- 3** OTELA would advise DELC and monitor the implementation of the Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund, with the Tribal Affairs Office contracting out or providing additional support through TA.

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