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# **SB 841A**

House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care  
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# Background

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OHA honors the government-to-government relationship with the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon.

OHA recognizes that Tribes are their own Tribal Public Health Authority.

OHA in partnership with Tribal representatives have discussed the importance of collecting and sharing Tribal data back with each Tribe.

OHA in partnership with Tribal representatives have discussed the importance of being able to do their own communicable disease investigations, responding and reporting.

OHA in partnership with Tribal Representatives have discussed having access to Prescription Drug Monitoring Program data for the purpose of data linkage with federally recognized Tribes in Oregon for purposes of research, education, and public health evaluation in addressing the opioid epidemic.



# SB 841A – Sharing Public Health Data with Tribes

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- Allows OHA-Public Health Division (PHD) to enter into agreements with the Nine Federally Recognized Tribes in Oregon and the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) to:
  - Investigate reportable diseases
  - Access information necessary to complete those investigations
  - Ensure access to and confidentiality of data
- This would improve collaboration between OHA-PHD and the Tribes for disease investigation and data sharing related to reportable diseases.
- This bill will also allow OHA to enter into data sharing agreements to allow Prescription Drug Monitoring Program data to be shared with the Nine Tribes and the NWTEC for data linkage for research, education, and public health evaluation.
- The amendments were made to define the difference between Tribe and Tribal Epidemiology Center.

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# Questions?

# Thank you!

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