

**JANUARY 2002 CROW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE**

**BILL NO. CLB0217**

**INTRODUCED BY: BLAINE BULL TAIL**

**BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE TRIBE**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THE CROW TRIBE TO NEGOTIATE, APPROVE AND EXECUTE ANY CONTRACT REQUIRING A WAIVER OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY EQUAL TO, OR LESS THAN \$1.00 WITHOUT FINAL APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH."**

WHEREAS, there are many routine day to day business contracts of the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribe that many require a waiver Crow Tribal sovereign immunity where the total amount of the contract is equal to or less than \$1.00.

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribe will be severely diminished if routine day to day business transactions involving contracts of \$1.00 or less cannot be finalized without the Executive Branch first receiving final approval from the Legislature.

WHEREAS, this act establishes a threshold of \$1.00 per contract for the delegation of legislative authority established by the requirements of Article IV, Section 3(k) and Article V, Section 2 (f) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians, requiring final legislative approval before such contract is valid.

WHEREAS, this act will empower the Executive Branch of the Crow Tribe with the ability to conduct routine day to day business transactions for the betterment of the Tribe as a whole.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE CROW TRIBE:**

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Waiver of sovereign immunity in contracts with a value equal to or less \$1.00 by the Executive Branch allowed without final approval of legislature.** (1) The Executive Branch of the Crow Tribe of Indians may negotiate, approve and execute any contract requiring a waiver of tribal sovereign immunity without the requirement of final legislative approval provided that the amount of any one contract shall not exceed \$1.00.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Ratification of Existing Leases.** (1) All existing leases (waivers) granted by the Crow Tribal Executive Branch equal to or below the threshold amount established herein ... are hereby adopted as valid.... All existing leases (waivers) granted by the Crow Tribal Executive Branch since July 14, 2001 that are in excess of the threshold amount established herein must be presented to the Crow Tribal Legislature for ratification at the April, 2002 Legislature Session."

**NEW SECTION. Section 3.** The threshold amount of \$1.00 implemented through this Bill supercede and nullify any threshold amount previously approved by the Crow Tribal General Council or any previous Tribal administration."

## CERTIFICATION


I hereby certify that this Bill was duly approved by the Crow Tribal Legislature with a vote of 14 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstained and that a quorum was present on this 12 day of MARCH, 2002.



Ben Cloud  
Speaker of the House  
Crow Tribal Legislature

## EXECUTIVE ACTION

I hereby ~~approve~~ approve, \_\_\_\_\_ veto this Bill pursuant to the authority vested in the Chairman of the Crow Tribe by Article V, Section 8 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Crow Tribe of Indians.



Chairman, Executive Branch  
Crow Tribe of Indians

Bill #10

Bill or resolution number CLB0217 Introduced by Blaine Bulltail Date of Vote MAR 12 2002

Representative	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Bull Tail	✓	—	—	—
Costa	—	✓	—	—
Crooked Arm	✓	—	—	—
Little Light	✓	—	—	—
Plain Feather	—	—	—	—
Stewart	✓	—	—	—
Not Afraid	✓	—	—	—
Goes Ahead	—	✓	—	—
Hogan	✓	—	—	—
Old Elk	✓	—	—	—
Passes	✓	—	—	—
Pease	—	—	—	—
Medicine Horse	✓	—	—	—
Russell	✓	—	—	—
Real Bird	✓	—	—	—
Black Hawk	✓	—	—	—
Stone	✓	—	—	—
Cloud	✓	—	—	—
Results (If tie vote)	—	—	—	—
Vice Chair Goes Ahead	—	—	—	—
Results	14	2	—	—

Result of vote: Passed Not Passed Tabled Veto Override  
 Signature of Officer: Ben Cloud Date: 3-12-02