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LD 395

Please support LD 395.

This bill requires the Wabanaki Nations to be regarded by the federal government the same way as all other federally recognized tribes.

It will help the Wabanaki Nations take advantage of federal self-determination policies, programs, and funding. Up to now, the exclusion requirement has blocked Wabanaki nations from at least 151 federal laws over the past 40 years. Examples include: that the Wabanaki Nations have been denied direct access to emergency funds for natural disasters and public health crises, and that the Wabanaki Nations have been blocked from accessing laws protecting the environment.

It's more than time for this unequal treatment of the Wabanaki, which started in 1980, to finally end.