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FREE STATE LEGISLATURE IRON OUT GOVERNANCE AMENDMENT BILL IN MAP

Qwa Qwa-on the 06th March 2018, Maluti a Phofung (MAP) Department of Spatial Development, Human Settlement, Housing, Rural and Traditional Affairs under the watchful eye of Cllr Moeketsi Lebesa alongside Free State House of Traditional Council assembled at Phuthaditjhaba Multipurpose Hall to convey their opinions around the amendment bill of Free State Traditional Leadership and Governance Act, 2005 [B6 - 2017]. The Public Hearing was conducted by the Portfolio Committee on Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), Office of the Premier and Legislature led by Honourable Chairperson Matshepo Mokotla.

As the country is celebrating 100 years of centenary in honour of the selfless leader Doctor Rolihlahla Nelson Mandela, the Free State Provincial Legislature continued to be a modern institution of democracy that promotes good governance and a culture of human rights through public participation in essence to discuss the principal traditional leaders and principal traditional councils on how to provide for matters connected therewith. Matshepo explained “it is our primary responsibility to derive our Traditional Leaders through the legislation Act, this is why we saw the need as portfolio committee to discuss the detailed vested power within the principal leaders as it will assist us be legible to institute them as the legislature”. She further emphasised the legislative strategic goals that are transformative towards the



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conception of law that contributes towards attainment of rights preserved in the Constitution. In attendance were respective clans of Bakoena King Moremoholo Mopeli, Montoeli Mota of Batlokoa, Paulos Moloji of Bakhokoe and King Skhosana of ma’Ndebele to enhance the quality of Traditional law oversight. Morena Mashweleshwele Dirahadibonwe Sekonyela expressed the gratitude towards the transparency during the hearing, “ke batla ke kgotsofetse leha kesa kgotsofala kaho phethahala, haholo jwang hobane boholo ba rona re bile ntswe leng ntlheng ena mme kea tshepa hore retla dula rena le Morena e Moholo jwalo ka pele”, he said.

The next public hearing of this bill will be held next week Tuesday, 27 March 2018 at Barolong Hall in Thaba-Nchu, however the legislature urged the Traditional Leaders and members of the community to submit their draft written inputs to Me Jacqui Tsikoe Committee Coordinator Contacts: 0743600698 Email:JacquiT@fsl.gov.za Fax: 051 4471815 before the 23rd March 2018.

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