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## Education Committee

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### SSB 6389

**Brief Description:** Authorizing placement of United States flags on school buses.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Benton, McAuliffe, Hewitt, Swecker, Roach, Morton, Haugen, Long, Stevens, McCaslin, Johnson, Snyder, Honeyford, Sheahan, Rossi, Rasmussen, Eide, Hale and Oke).

**Hearing Date:** 2/26/02

**Staff:** Susan Morrissey (786-7111).

**Background:**

Currently, the Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) has the authority to adopt and enforce rules governing the marking of school buses. Current rules specify the color and limit the signs and markings that may be on the exterior and interior of school buses. The rules do not permit the display of flags.

**Summary of Bill:**

The SPI must adopt rules that permit the display of the United States flag on all school buses. The rules must address the size and placement of the flag so that it does not interfere with the safe operation of the school bus.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not Requested.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.