FINAL BILL REPORT SSB 5209

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Allowing federally recognized Indian tribes to buy surplus real property from the department of transportation.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators T. Sheldon, Swecker, Regala, Rossi, Prentice and Costa).

Senate Committee on Transportation House Committee on Transportation

Background: Under current law, when the Department of Transportation determines it no longer needs real property for transportation purposes, it may sell the land through auction or directly to a limited class of purchasers. RCW 47.12.063 outlines the entities or persons that may purchase surplus real property directly from the Department of Transportation, including state agencies, municipal corporations, persons with abutting property and former owners.

Summary: A federally recognized tribe is allowed to purchase surplus Department of Transportation land within its exterior reservation boundary.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate 46 0 House 94 0

Effective: June 13, 2002

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