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By Representatives Pettigrew and Santos

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1 AN ACT Relating to tribal foster care licensing; and amending RCW  
2 74.15.190.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 74.15.190 and 1987 c 170 s 13 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) The state of Washington recognizes the authority of Indian  
7 tribes within the state to license agencies, located within the  
8 boundaries of a federally recognized Indian reservation, to receive  
9 children for control, care, and maintenance outside their own homes, or  
10 to place, receive, arrange the placement of, or assist in the placement  
11 of children for foster care or adoption.

12 (b) The state of Washington recognizes the ability of the Indian  
13 tribes within the state to enter into agreements with the state to  
14 license agencies located on or near the federally recognized Indian  
15 reservation to receive children for control, care, and maintenance  
16 outside their own homes, or to place, receive, arrange the placement  
17 of, or assist in the placement of children for foster care.

18 (c) The department and state licensed child-placing agencies may  
19 place children in tribally licensed facilities if the requirements of

1 RCW 74.15.030 (2)(b) and (3) and supporting rules are satisfied before  
2 placing the children in such facilities by the department or any state  
3 licensed child-placing agency.

4 (2) The department may enter into written agreements with Indian  
5 tribes within the state to define the terms under which the tribe may  
6 license agencies pursuant to subsection (1) of this section. The  
7 agreements shall include a definition of what are the geographic  
8 boundaries of the tribe for the purposes of licensing and may include  
9 locations on or near the federally recognized Indian reservation.

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