
SENATE BILL 5638

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By Senators Prince, Fraser, Wood, Bauer and Kohl

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1 AN ACT Relating to the role of native Americans in international
2 education and cultural exchanges; creating new sections; and providing
3 an expiration date.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The office of Indian affairs, working
6 directly with the tribes, shall conduct a study of the role of native
7 Americans in international education, cultural exchanges, the world
8 trade market, and other issues identified by the tribes.

9 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Issues identified by the tribes may include
10 but need not be limited to:

11 (1) Recommending policy, programs, and activities that will help to
12 ensure that universities, colleges, community and technical colleges,
13 and the common schools are providing all students with an education
14 that includes an understanding of the languages, culture, traditions,
15 history, and government of native Americans;

16 (2) Recommending ways to enhance and promote student, faculty, and
17 cultural exchanges with native Americans;

1 (3) Recommending the desirability of integrating a native American
2 perspective into courses in history, political science, education,
3 sociology, business, and other academic programs;

4 (4) Recommending the feasibility of requiring coursework in the
5 language and the culture, history, or government of another country or
6 region, including native American peoples, as a condition of graduation
7 from a public school, college, or university;

8 (5) Gathering information on formal and informal relationships
9 between the state's local governments and native American tribes;

10 (6) Recommending ways to enrich the experience of native American
11 students at Washington's community and technical colleges, colleges,
12 universities, and high schools; and

13 (7) Identifying ways that native American students enrich the
14 state's economy and the academic culture of the state's schools and
15 colleges.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The office may accept gifts, grants,
17 donations, devises, and bequests to facilitate the work of the study.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** By December 30, 1995, a preliminary report
19 shall be provided to the governor and the legislature. The report
20 shall include recommendations for any legislation needed to facilitate
21 its work and implement its findings and recommendations. By October 1,
22 1996, the office shall report additional findings and recommendations
23 of the task force to the governor, the house of representatives and
24 senate higher education committees, the superintendent of public
25 instruction, and to the presidents of each college and university in
26 the state.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act shall expire June 30, 1997.

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