

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 1974

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
International Trade & Economic Development, March 29, 2005

**Title:** An act relating to creating the association of Washington generals.

**Brief Description:** Creating the association of Washington generals.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Linville, Rodne, Morris, Anderson and Kenney; by request of Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 3/10/05, 95-0.

**Committee Activity:** International Trade & Economic Development: 3/24/05, 3/29/05 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Majority Report:** Do pass and be referred to Committee on Rules.

Signed by Senators Shin, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Pflug, Ranking Minority Member; Doumit, Eide, Roach and Zarelli.

**Staff:** Jack Brummel (786-7428)

**Background:** The Association of Washington Generals was formed in 1970 by Lt. Governor John Cherberg. It is a service organization which honors worthy citizens who make significant contributions to Washington. The association awards honorees a commission as a Washington General. Commissions are signed by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Secretary of State. The association does not have authority to use the state flag or the state seal.

**Summary of Bill:** The Association of Washington Generals is organized as a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation with the purpose of recognizing outstanding service to the state and bringing those individuals so recognized together to serve as ambassadors of trade, tourism, and international goodwill. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Secretary of State are to serve on the association's board of directors as ex officio non-voting members.

The Lieutenant Governor's office may provide technical and financial assistance for the association. The association may use the image of the Washington State flag and retain any revenue generated by such use.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

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

**Testimony For:** None.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Who Testified:** No one.