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SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2406

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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives McCoy, Rockefeller, Conway, McDermott, Sullivan, Ormsby, Fromhold, Hunt, Lovick, Cooper, Haigh, Anderson, Kenney, Santos, Darneille, Chase, Moeller and Lantz)

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1 AN ACT Relating to teaching Washington's tribal history and  
2 culture; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.320 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.320  
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) The superintendent of public instruction shall develop and make  
7 available to school districts a model curriculum for incorporating  
8 Pacific Northwest Indian tribal histories into existing Washington  
9 state history and social studies courses. To the extent feasible, the  
10 curriculum should be designed so as to be easily integrated with other  
11 disciplines. The superintendent also shall develop a model tribal  
12 outreach program, including but not limited to communications, oral  
13 history projects, and cultural exchanges. The model curriculum and  
14 model outreach program shall be completed by December 31, 2004.

15 (2) School districts are encouraged to adopt the model curriculum  
16 and to adapt the curriculum to acknowledge and recognize local tribal  
17 history. School districts also are encouraged to supplement the  
18 curriculum with information regarding one or more local tribes, and to

1 facilitate opportunities for cultural exchanges with local Indian  
2 tribes.

3 (3) School district boards of directors must report annually to the  
4 office of Indian education within the office of the superintendent of  
5 public instruction regarding the district's communications and  
6 activities with local Indian tribes.

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