

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8000

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As of February 20, 2019

**Brief Description:** Urging Congress to protect United States mail service.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hasegawa, Hunt and Kuderer.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections: 2/22/19.

**Brief Summary of Joint Memorial**

- Requests that Congress readopt the six-day mail standard for all Washington State addressees.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

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**Background:** Since 1775, the federal government has provided postal services in the United States. By 1896, the Post Office Department, the predecessor of the United States Postal Service (USPS), was making deliveries to certain rural and urban homes six days per week. In some cities, delivery occurred more than once per day until 1950. Congress has the authority to legislate how many days of the week USPS is to deliver mail and also may authorize USPS to determine its delivery schedule.

In 2013, USPS announced and implemented a plan to change its delivery schedule to deliver mail Monday through Friday and packages Monday through Saturday for all addresses. Legislation was introduced in Congress to repeal these updated service standards in 2013 and 2015.

**Summary of Joint Memorial:** The Legislature requests that Congress readopt the six-day mail service standard for all Washington State addresses.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

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**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.**