

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 5083**

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66th Legislature  
2019 Regular Session

INDIAN TRIBES--ADMISSION OF RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS AS EVIDENCE

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

Passed by the Senate February 20, 2019  
Yeas 45 Nays 0

CYRUS HABIB

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House April 4, 2019  
Yeas 93 Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved April 17, 2019 12:45 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5083** as passed by Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD HENDRICKSON

**Secretary**

FILED

April 18, 2019

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By** Senators McCoy, Hasegawa, and Saldaña

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing certain records, documents,  
2 proceedings, and published laws of federally recognized Indian tribes  
3 to be admitted as evidence in courts of Washington state; and  
4 amending RCW 5.44.010, 5.44.040, and 5.44.050.

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

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 5.44.010 and 1997 c 358 s 7 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 The records and proceedings of any court of the United States, or  
9 any state or territory, (~~shall be~~) or any federally recognized  
10 Indian tribe, are admissible in evidence in all cases in this state  
11 when duly certified by the attestation of the clerk, prothonotary or  
12 other officer having charge of the records of such court, with the  
13 seal of such court annexed.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 5.44.040 and 1991 c 59 s 1 are each amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 Copies of all records and documents on record or on file in the  
17 offices of the various departments of the United States and of this  
18 state or any other state or territory of the United States or any  
19 federally recognized Indian tribe, when duly certified by the  
20 respective officers having by law the custody thereof, under their

1   respective seals where such officers have official seals, (~~shall~~)  
2   must be admitted in evidence in the courts of this state.

3       **Sec. 3.**   RCW 5.44.050 and Code 1881 s 435 are each amended to  
4   read as follows:

5       Printed copies of the statute laws of any state, territory,  
6   (~~or~~) foreign government, or federally recognized Indian tribe if  
7   purporting to have been published under the authority of the  
8   respective governments, or if commonly admitted and read as evidence  
9   in their courts, (~~shall~~) must be admitted in all courts in this  
10   state, and on all other occasions as presumptive evidence of such  
11   laws.

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