

FINAL BILL REPORT

ESHB 2019

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Establishing a Native American apprentice assistance program.

Sponsors: House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Stearns, Fosse, Berry, Ryu, Ramos, Ramel, Cortes, Morgan, Simmons, Reed, Ormsby, Peterson, Callan, Timmons, Kloba, Street, Donaghy, Gregerson, Orwall, Goodman, Ortiz-Self, Lekanoff, Riccelli, Reeves, Santos, Hackney, Pollet and Davis).

House Committee on Postsecondary Education & Workforce
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Higher Education & Workforce Development
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Background:

Office of Student Financial Assistance.

The Office of Student Financial Assistance (Office) operates within the Washington Student Achievement Council. The Office administers state and federal financial aid and other education service programs.

Financial Aid Applications.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is a federal financial aid application used to determine a student's eligibility for federal financial aid.

Summary:

Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this specific purpose, the Native American Apprentice Assistance Program (Program) is established. The Office must administer the Program. Administration duties include publicizing the Program, awarding assistance to eligible participants, and adopting rules and guidelines for the Program in consultation with tribes and state-registered apprenticeship programs. The Office must determine awarding priorities and award amounts. Funding must be prioritized to cover any

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tuition costs for related supplemental instruction, and additional funding may be used to cover required supplies, tools, materials, work clothing, and living expenses.

To be eligible, a participant must be a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe whose traditional lands and territories included parts of Washington, file a FAFSA, and be enrolled in a state-registered apprenticeship program.

The Office must submit a report on the Program to the Governor and the appropriate committees of the Legislature beginning December 1, 2025. The report must include:

- the total number of eligible participants and the number of participants who received a grant;
- the amount of the grant as determined by the Office;
- how the Office determined the grant amount; and
- how many members of federally recognized Indian tribes in Washington received a grant versus members of federally recognized Indian tribes from other states.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	97	0
Senate	48	0

Effective: June 6, 2024