

TRIBAL SPECIFIC BILLS

2009 Legislative Session

HB 1448 - Granting tribal authorities limited control over speed limits on nonlimited access state highways within tribal reservation boundaries

Provides for tribal authorities to change speed limits on non-limited access highways within the boundaries of the tribe's reservation on certain conditions. Authorizes tribal authorities, within their reservation boundaries, to determine, based on an engineering and traffic investigation, that the maximum speed permitted under RCW 46.61.400 or 46.61.405 is greater or less than is reasonable or safe under the conditions found to exist upon a nonlimited access state highway or part of a nonlimited access state highway.

(Senate Companion Bill - SB 5331)

2SHB 1580 - Establishing a pilot local water management program in one qualified jurisdiction

Establishes a pilot local water management program in a basin located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains in a county with a population between fifty-five thousand and sixty thousand people, as reported in the 2000 census. Expires June 30, 2019.

SHB 1730 - Regarding the office of regulatory assistance

Provides additional specificity for services provided by the Office of Regulatory Assistance and clarifies exceptions for permitting agencies and projects proponents seeking assistance with the permitting process. (Included reference to tribal participation. Remains consistent with current law.)

(Senate Companion Bill - SSB 5748)

SB 5001 - Eliminating the matching fund requirement for the American Indian endowed scholarship program

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SB 5040 - Clarifying and prescribing penalties for gambling under the age of eighteen

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SB 5583 - Improving the effectiveness of water bank authorization and exchange provisions

Finds that: (1) Many watershed groups and programs have proposed or considered the establishment of water banks to meet vital instream and out-of-stream needs within a watershed or region; and (2) Water banks and exchanges can: Provide critical tools to make water supplies available when and where needed during times of drought; improve stream flows and preserve instream values during fish critical periods; reduce water transaction costs, time, and risk to purchasers; facilitate fair and efficient reallocation of water from one beneficial use to another; provide banked water supplies to offset impacts related to future development and the issuance of new water rights; and facilitate water agreements that protect upstream community values while retaining flexibility to meet critical downstream water needs in times of scarcity. Declares an intent to: (1) Provide clear authority for water banks throughout the state; (2) Improve the effectiveness of water bank and exchange provisions; and (3) Use the interlocal cooperation act to establish watershed management partnerships for water banking purposes.

SSB 5882 - Remediating racial disproportionality in child welfare practices

Directs the Washington state institute for public policy to: (1) Evaluate the use of structured decision-making practices by the children's administration in the department of social and health services to determine its impact on reducing the disproportionality of African-American, Native American, and latino children referred to the department of social and health services; and (2) Evaluate the use of the family team decision-making model by the department of social and health services to determine whether the model reduces disproportionality in the placement and length of stay of children of color. Expects the evaluation to be supported partly through state dollars and partly through private funding.

SB 6108 - Allowing the state lottery commission to enter into an agreement to conduct an additional shared lottery game

Allows the state lottery to enter into agreements to conduct multistate shared games.

Did not pass

2SHB 1090 - Concerning human remains.

HB 1409 - Providing an emergency response system for the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

(Senate Companion Bill - SB 5344)

SHB 1447 - Naming of state ferries.

(Senate Companion Bill - SB 5440)

HB 1525 - Removing essential government services as a condition to exempt from taxation property belonging to federally recognized Indian tribes.

(Senate Companion Bill - SB 5641)

SB 5108 - Concerning the documentation of eligibility to claim a tribal member exemption from retail sales tax.

SB 5801 - Regarding basic education allocations for tribal schools.

(House Companion Bill - HB 1890)

SB 5943 - Establishes the child welfare transformation design committee as a mechanism to design, in collaboration with the department of social and health services, the transition to performance-based contracts in the delivery of out-of-homecare and case management services. Expires the committee on June 30, 2012.

SB 6146 - Consolidating the gambling commission into the department of licensing as the office of gambling regulation.