

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5638

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Government Operations, March 1, 1995

Title: An act relating to the role of native Americans in international education and cultural exchanges.

Brief Description: Requiring a study of the role of native Americans in international education and cultural exchanges.

Sponsors: Senators Prince, Fraser, Wood, Bauer and Kohl.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations: 2/22/95, 3/1/95 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Sheldon, Vice Chair; Drew, Hale, Heavey and Winsley.

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Background: The Office of Indian Affairs is a small agency established by executive order in 1970. Its most recent authority comes from a 1983 executive order from then Governor Spellman. The office acts as an intergovernmental liaison, providing advice and assistance to the Governor, state agencies, local governments, and tribal governments on Indian related matters.

Summary of Bill: The Office of Indian Affairs conducts a comprehensive study of the role of native Americans in international education, cultural exchanges, and the world trade market. The tribes may include other issues and accept gifts and grants. It must make its final report to the Governor and the Legislature by October 1, 1996.

The act expires June 30, 1997.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on February 17, 1995.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: Native Americans have made unique contributions to the international economy. The potential for expansion and enhancement of this resource should be fostered by the state of Washington.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: Jennifer Scott, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs; Ralph Munro, Secretary of State (pro).