

**FINAL BILL REPORT**

**SB 5660**

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**SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED**

**Brief Description:** Developing the Washington state citizens' exchange program.

**SPONSORS:** Senators M. Rasmussen, Barr, Deccio, Loveland, Snyder, Fraser, Skratek, Sheldon, Drew, Prince, Winsley, Erwin, Bluechel, Amondson and Franklin

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, TECHNOLOGY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING**

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**BACKGROUND:**

Citizen exchanges can be a valuable way of developing close cultural, civic, educational and economic ties between Washington and other nations around the world. The expertise of the state's citizens in such fields as agriculture, health, and resource management can be shared with other nations, and the state can benefit from the increased tourism, trade and investment that these relationships can stimulate.

**SUMMARY:**

The Secretary of State, in consultation with the Department of Trade and Economic Development, Department of Agriculture, economic development consultants, the consular corps, and other international trade organizations, is directed to develop a Washington State citizens' exchange program. The Secretary of State reports back to the Legislature in January 1994 with a proposal for instituting the program.

**VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:**

Senate	46	0
House	98	0

**EFFECTIVE:** July 25, 1993