

FINAL BILL REPORT

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Changing residency status of Native Americans for purposes of higher education tuition.

SPONSORS: Senators Bauer, Prentice and Sheldon; by request of Washington State University

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

BACKGROUND:

Washington has a number of native American tribes whose traditional and customary tribal boundaries include portions of the state of Washington and also portions of other states (Idaho and Oregon, primarily). Many of these tribes were granted reserved lands in the state of Washington, along with reserved lands in other neighboring states.

SUMMARY:

Members of 32 specific native American tribes, whose traditional boundaries include part of the state of Washington, or whose tribe was granted reserved lands within the state, shall be considered residents of Washington for the purposes of tuition at state institutions of higher education. To be considered a resident for tuition purposes, a member of one of the listed tribes must be domiciled in Washington, Oregon, Idaho or Montana.

No state general fund moneys will be appropriated to state colleges or universities for the purpose of supporting students paying resident tuition solely as a result of this act. Such students shall not be included in any calculation of state-funded enrollment for budgeting purposes.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	36	12	
House	98	0	(House amended)
Senate	36	10	(Senate concurred)

EFFECTIVE: June 9, 1994