

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6408

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SYNOPSIS AS ENACTED

Brief Description: Including tribal authorities in mental health systems.

SPONSORS: Senators Spanel, Owen, Prentice, Sheldon, Fraser and Hargrove

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, a county or a group of counties whose population is greater than 40,000 persons may enter a joint operating agreement to form a regional support network (RSN) to plan, organize and deliver mental health services according to a contract with the state Department of Social and Health Services.

Under current law, no statutory requirement exists for a tribal authority to be party to such a joint operating agreement.

SUMMARY:

The term "tribal authority" is defined as a federally recognized Indian tribe or a major Indian organization recognized by the Secretary of Social and Health Services.

Upon request, a tribal authority must be included as a party to a joint operating agreement to establish a regional support network. The joint operating agreement must include a determination of tribal authority membership on the governing board and advisory boards and must include provision for culturally competent services to the tribes served.

VOTES ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Senate	42	0	
House	95	0	(House amended)
Senate	44	0	(Senate concurred)

EFFECTIVE: June 9, 1994