

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 1273

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Refunding fuel taxes to Indian tribes.

**Sponsors:** House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Fuhrman, Blanton, Elliot and McMorris).

**House Committee on Transportation**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**Background:** Washington state imposes taxes upon the distribution, sales, transfer, use or possession of motor vehicle fuel and diesel and other special fuels within the state. Revenues from these taxes are used exclusively for highway purposes.

**Summary of Bill:** The Department of Licensing may enter into an agreement with any federally recognized Indian tribe located on a reservation within Washington State regarding the imposition, collection, or use of motor fuel tax or special fuel tax. The terms of the agreement must be substantially the same as the consent decree in *Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation v. DOL, et al.*

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House	98	0	
Senate	43	0	(Senate amended)
House	97	0	(House concurred)

**Effective:** May 11, 1995