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BILL REQ. #: H-5009.1/00

ATTY/TYPIST: JM:rmh

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 ESSCR 8422 - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on State Government

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5 Beginning on page 1, line 1, strike all material through "2000." on
6 page 2, line 37 and insert the following:

7 "WHEREAS, The members of the Washington state legislature recognize
8 there are twenty-eight federally recognized Indian tribes located
9 within the boundaries of Washington state with a combined population of
10 approximately ninety-one thousand members occupying over three and a
11 quarter million acres of land; and

12 WHEREAS, Those twenty-eight tribes are operating governments with
13 responsibilities to their citizens and their lands like those of the
14 state to its territory and citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, The relationship on an intergovernmental basis between the
16 Washington state legislature and these Indian tribes has seen only a
17 very limited level of development; and

18 WHEREAS, Because of these limitations, there is a need to inform
19 and educate members of the legislature and their staff on the status
20 and operations of tribal governments and to educate and inform tribal
21 elected officials and their staff on the operations of the legislature;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
23 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
24 select committee on legislative/tribal relations be established to
25 review, study, and recommend how the legislature and tribes may develop
26 more effective relationships and arrange for intergovernmental
27 mechanisms in order to be able to work together on common interests and
28 problems, such as court jurisdiction, human services, gaming, tax and
29 revenue, historic preservation, and environmental issues; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the efforts of the committee shall
31 include a study of how other state legislatures and tribal governments
32 handle their intergovernmental relationships and recommend methods of
33 addressing issues that are significant in the area of state/tribal
34 relations and that the committee may hold hearings and seek out the
35 expertise of state and tribal agencies to understand and make
36 recommendations on issues the committee may agree to address; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of
2 fourteen members, to be comprised of eight state legislators and six
3 tribal elected officials. Four members shall be from the Senate, two
4 from each caucus, to be appointed by the President of the Senate; four
5 members from the House of Representatives, two from each caucus, to be
6 appointed by the Co-Speakers of the House of Representatives; and six
7 elected officials from among the twenty-eight federally recognized
8 tribes, who shall be selected as follows: One from eastern Washington,
9 one from the Pacific coast region, two from the Puget Sound region, and
10 two tribal representatives representing tribes that are not members of
11 the Association of Washington Tribes. However, all tribal
12 representatives will be elected officials of their respective tribes
13 and will be appointed by the Chair of the Association of Washington
14 Tribes. An ad hoc member may be designated by the Governor to be a
15 representative of the Governor and the executive branch; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be co-chaired by
17 a legislative member and a tribal member. The members of the
18 legislature appointed to the committee shall select their co-chair and
19 the tribal members of the committee shall select their co-chair, the
20 expenses of the committee shall be paid by the legislature under
21 chapter 44.04 RCW, staff support for the committee shall be provided by
22 the senate committee services and house of representatives office of
23 program research and the Northwest Indian applied research institute
24 located at The Evergreen State College, and the committee may also call
25 upon any of the state agencies and tribal governments to assist in
26 research and provide information; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall present its report
28 and recommendations to the legislature not later than December 1, 2000;
29 and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall terminate on
31 December 15, 2000."

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