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SENATE BILL 5905

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By Senators Prentice, Swecker and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to the negotiation, enforcement, and resolution of  
2 disputes regarding tribal/state gaming compacts under the federal  
3 Indian gaming regulatory act of 1988; and adding a new section to  
4 chapter 9.46 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 In any legal action brought by a federally recognized Indian tribe  
9 against the state of Washington seeking remedies set forth in the  
10 federal Indian gaming regulatory act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et  
11 seq., or seeking the enforcement of the terms of a tribal/state compact  
12 adopted under the federal Indian gaming regulatory act of 1988, 25  
13 U.S.C. Sec. 2701 et seq. for, the state hereby consents to the  
14 jurisdiction of the United States district court for the eastern or  
15 western district of Washington or the state court in which the action  
16 was commenced, conditioned upon a similar limited waiver of sovereign  
17 immunity by the Indian tribe bringing such action. This limited waiver

1 of sovereign immunity shall not extend to any actions other than those  
2 expressly set forth in this section.

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