

5372-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Swecker, Honeyford, Gardner, T. Sheldon and Oke; by request of Department of Revenue)

Brief Description: Authorizing cooperative agreements concerning the taxation of cigarette sales on Indian lands. (REVISED FOR PASSED LEGISLATURE: Authorizing cigarette tax contracts with Indian retailers.)

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares an intent to further the government-to-government relationship between the state of Washington and Indians in the state of Washington by authorizing the governor to enter into cooperative agreements concerning the sale of cigarettes.

Finds that these agreements will provide a means to promote economic development, provide needed revenues for tribal governments and Indian persons, and enhance enforcement of the state's cigarette tax law, ultimately saving the state money and reducing conflict.

Authorizes the governor to enter into cooperative agreements with the Squaxin Island Tribe, the Nisqually Tribe, Tulalip Tribes, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, the Quinault Nation, the Jamestown S'Klallam Indian Tribe, the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, the Stillaguamish Tribe, the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe, the Skokomish Indian Tribe, the Nooksack Indian Tribe, the Lummi Nation, the Chehalis Confederated Tribes, and the Upper Skagit Tribe.

Provides that each agreement adopted under this act shall provide that the tribal cigarette tax rate be one hundred percent of the state cigarette and state and local sales and use taxes within three years of enacting the tribal tax and shall be set no lower than eighty percent of the state cigarette and state and local sales and use taxes during the three-year phase-in period.

Repeals RCW 82.24.070