
SENATE BILL 5663

State of Washington

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By Senators Morton and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to the review of state boundary lines; creating new
2 sections; and making an appropriation.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that since statehood,
5 the lifestyles, culture, and economies of eastern and western
6 Washington have been very distinct. A similar distinction is also true
7 of eastern and western Oregon. The similarities between eastern
8 Washington, eastern Oregon, and Idaho and western Washington and
9 western Oregon are dramatic. Urbanization and rapid growth in the
10 western portions of Washington and Oregon have progressively heightened
11 this divergence of cultural and economic values from that of the
12 eastern portions of the states. The legislature therefore declares
13 that a reconsideration of the state boundary lines of Washington,
14 Oregon, and Idaho in light of these divergences and similarities is in
15 order.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The Spokane boundary review board is
17 directed to study the feasibility of boundary line changes and the

1 process to accomplish such changes. The Spokane boundary review board
2 shall report its findings and recommendations to the Washington state
3 legislature by January 15, 2004.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** The sum of twenty-seven thousand dollars, or
5 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal
6 year ending June 30, 2004, from the general fund to the department of
7 community, trade, and economic development for the purposes of this
8 act.

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