

6568-S

Sponsor(s): Senate Committee on Higher Education (originally sponsored by Senators Fraser, Winsley, Kline, Kohl-Welles, Jacobsen, B. Sheldon, Spanel, Keiser, Franklin and Thibaudeau)

Brief Description: Directing the institute for public policy to develop a proposal for establishing a Washington state women's history center or information network.

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(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Provides that the institute for public policy may undertake a study and make recommendations to the 2005 legislature for development of a center or an information network, or both, that would achieve the following: (1) Develop an approach for systematically collecting, preserving, maintaining, and providing public access to historically valuable records and artifacts pertaining to women's history in Washington state;

(2) Develop a general outline of where historically significant records and artifacts are located and may be accessed;

(3) Encourage citizens with historically significant records and artifacts to preserve them and make them accessible;

(4) Encourage development of educational programs and displays, including those which can tour throughout the state;

(5) Encourage development of learning opportunities for K-12 students, as well as providing materials for women's history studies in colleges and universities;

(6) Actively promote collection of oral histories;

(7) Encourage research about this history;

(8) Encourage private donations of funds to assist this effort; and

(9) Encourage private donations or loans of records and artifacts for public access, including protecting the ability of donors to specify conditions under which loaned materials will be returned to the donor or their heirs.

Directs the institute to submit its recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 1, 2004.