

SB 5269-S.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Declares that government-to-government collaboration between the state and the sovereign tribal governments whose traditional lands and territories lie within the borders of the state of Washington serves to implement the spirit of the 1989 centennial accord and other similar government-to-government agreements, including the 2004 accord between the federally recognized Indian tribes with treaty reserved rights in Washington state and the state of Washington.

Declares that establishing a first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions teacher certification program both achieves educational objectives and models effective government-to-government relationships.

Declares that establishing a first peoples' language, culture, and oral tribal traditions certification program implements the following policy objectives of P.L. 101-477, the federal Native American languages act of 1990, in a tangible way.

Provides that in-service training or continuing education in first peoples' language, culture, or oral tribal traditions provided by a sovereign tribal government participating in the Washington state first peoples' language and culture program authorized under this act shall be considered approved in-service training or approved continuing education under this act and RCW 28A.415.023.