

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5177

As of February 24, 2009

Title: An act relating to establishing a global Asia institute.

Brief Description: Creating a global Asia institute within the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies.

Sponsors: Senators Shin, Delvin, Kastama, King, Rockefeller, McAuliffe, Pridemore, Hobbs, Fraser, McDermott, Jarrett, Kilmer, Keiser, Hatfield and Roach.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Higher Education & Workforce Development: 2/20/09.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Staff: Wendy Malkin (786-7434)

Background: The Henry M. Jackson School at the University of Washington combines the social sciences, humanities, and professional fields to forge disciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to the understanding of our increasingly interconnected globe. The Jackson School has eight National Resource Centers, which receive funding and designation from the U.S. Department of Education. These centers are devoted to outreach and public education activities for teachers, business people, and the general community. Each year the Jackson School sponsors dozens of conferences, colloquia, and seminars featuring the works of scholars, business people, and diplomats from around the world. The centers include an East Asia Center, a South Asia Center, and a Southeast Asian Center.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): A Global Asia Institute is created within the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies. The mission of the institute is to promote the understanding of Asia and its interactions with Washington State and the world. The institute must host visiting scholars and policymakers, sponsor programs and learning initiatives, engage in collaborative research projects, and facilitate broader understanding and cooperation between the state of Washington and Asia through general public programs and targeted collaborations with specific communities in the state.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.