

HB 1090 - DIGEST

(SUBSTITUTED FOR - SEE 2ND SUB)

Modifies provisions relating to identification of human remains.

Encourages early notification to Indian tribes if the human remains are determined to be Indian.

Requires that, if the nonforensic skeletal human remains are determined to be Indian, the remains will be reinterred at the site of discovery unless the tribe of origin indicates otherwise.

Exempts from liability under RCW 68.50.645, those persons in possession of nonforensic skeletal human remains who relinquish the remains to local law enforcement or the coroner by January 1, 2010. The exemption expires January 1, 2010.

Requires the director of the department of archaeology and historic preservation to encourage landowners to allow the reinterment of Indian skeletal human remains and to allow the tribal members access to the reinterment site for ceremonial and religious purposes.