

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6467

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As of January 30, 2012

**Title:** An act relating to making Japanese-Americans interned during World War II eligible for former prisoner of war license plates.

**Brief Description:** Making Japanese-Americans interned during World War II eligible for former prisoner of war license plates.

**Sponsors:** Senators Hobbs, Shin, Swecker, Haugen, Rolfes, Fraser, Prentice, Kohl-Welles and McAuliffe.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/26/12.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Amanda Cecil (786-7429)

**Background:** An individual that is a veteran of the armed forces, was captured and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of war, and has received a prisoner of war medal is eligible to receive a prisoner of war license plate. A vehicle that is owned by a veteran with a prisoner of war license plate is exempt from vehicle license fees, license plate fees, and excise taxes.

**Summary of Bill:** Individuals that are eligible to receive a former prisoner of war license plate is expanded to include Japanese-Americans that were confined in a wartime relocation and internment of civilians center between February 1942 and 1946.

**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.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: There were approximately 9000 Japanese-Americans from Washington that were interred in camps during World War II. Of those,

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1000 served in the US Army; about 4000 are still living. This bill clarifies that Japanese-Americans that were interred are eligible for a POW plate.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Don White, citizen.