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**SENATE BILL 5332**

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**By** Senators Rockefeller, Chase, Harper, Nelson, Prentice, and Kline

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the state to retrocede civil  
2 jurisdiction over Indians and Indian territory, reservations, country,  
3 and lands to the United States; and adding a new section to chapter  
4 37.12 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 37.12 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 (1) The state must retrocede to the United States the civil  
9 jurisdiction previously acquired by the state over Indians and Indian  
10 territory, reservations, country, and lands in accordance with the  
11 requirements of this section.

12 (2) To initiate the civil jurisdiction retrocession process, a  
13 majority of any tribe, tribal council, or other governing body that is  
14 duly recognized by the United States bureau of Indian affairs must  
15 submit a retrocession resolution to the governor. The resolution must  
16 express the desire of the tribe, community, band, or group for the  
17 retrocession by the state of all or any measures or provisions of the  
18 civil jurisdiction acquired by the state under the provisions of this

1 chapter over the Indians and Indian territory, reservations, country,  
2 and lands of such Indian tribe, community, band, or group.

3 (3) Upon receiving a resolution under this section, the governor  
4 must issue within sixty days a proclamation retroceding to the United  
5 States the civil jurisdiction previously acquired by the state over the  
6 Indians and Indian territory, reservations, country, and lands subject  
7 to the retrocession resolution.

8 (4) The proclamation for retrocession does not become effective  
9 until it is accepted by a duly designated officer of the United States  
10 government and in accordance with the procedures established by the  
11 United States for the acceptance of such retrocession of jurisdiction.

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